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A crisis with consequences



Reverberations from 1979 Iranian seizure of US Embassy still felt today

BY NASSER KARIMI AND ARON HELLER
Associated Press

FOR those who were there, the memories are still fresh 40 years after one of the defining events of Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution, when protesters seized the

U.S. Embassy in Tehran and set off a 444-day hostage crisis.

The consequences of that crisis reverberate to this day.

Veteran Iranian photographer Kaveh Kazemi recalled snapping away with his camera as he stood behind the gate where the Iranian militant students would usher

blindfolded American hostages to those gathered outside waving anti-American banners and calling for the extradition of the deposed Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi.

"Sometimes they would bring a U.S. flag and burn it, put it in flames and then throw

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A woman walks past a satirical drawing of the Statue of Liberty after new anti-U.S. murals on the walls of the former U.S. Embassy were unveiled in a ceremony in Tehran, Iran, on Saturday ahead of the 40th anniversary of the takeover of the U.S. diplomatic post.

VAHID SALEMI/AP

Recommendations made for ethical AI use in warfare

BY AARON GREGG
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Hoping to prepare for what many see as a coming revolution in artificial intelligence-enabled weaponry — and convince a skeptical public that it can apply such innovations responsibly — the U.S. military is taking early steps to define the ethical boundaries for how it will use such systems.

On Thursday, a Pentagon advisory organization called the Defense Innovation Board published a set of ethical principles for how military agencies

‘There is going to have to be high-level sustained oversight on this issue.’

Paul Scharre
former Army
Ranger and
Pentagon official

should design AI-enabled weapons and apply them on the battlefield.

The board's recommendations are in no way legally binding. It now falls to the Pentagon to determine how and whether to proceed with them.

Lt. Gen. Jack Shanahan, director of the Defense Department's Joint Artificial Intelligence Center, said he hopes the recommendations will set the standard for the responsible and ethical use of such tools.

"The DIB's recommendations will help enhance the DOD's commitment to upholding the highest ethical standards as outlined in the DoD AI

strategy, while embracing the U.S. military's strong history of applying rigorous testing and fielding standards for technology innovations," Shanahan said in a statement emailed to reporters.

Artificial intelligence algorithms are computer programs that can learn from past data and make choices without the input of a human. Such programs have already proven useful in analyzing the vast quantities of intelligence data that military and intelligence agencies collect, and the

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MILITARY

1-of-a-kind Coast Guard icebreaker visits Alaska

By MICHAEL S. LOCKETT
Juneau (Alaska) Empire

JUNEAU, Alaska — As the Coast Guard's only medium icebreaker, the USCGC Healy is like the little brother in a small family.

The Healy has been conducting scientific research in the Arctic with researchers from Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute and the University of Washington, said Ensign Trevor Layman, the Healy's public affairs officer.

"We're a completely unique United States Coast Guard vessel," Layman said.

The Healy is the only one of its class, a modern medium icebreaker built from the hull out to support science missions in the Arctic Ocean.

The Healy lies moored to the pier in Juneau as it returns to Seattle at the end of its deployment.

The Coast Guard's other icebreaker, Polar Star, is a heavy icebreaker and mostly supports keeping shipping channels open in the Antarctic, Layman said.

The Coast Guard is looking to enhance its ability to operate in the Arctic and Antarctic sea ice with the construction of three medium and three heavy icebreakers, called Polar Security Cutters, in a recently awarded contract.

The United States military currently has no other seagoing icebreakers.

"If we lose the Polar Star, we lose the power to break ice in the Antarctic," Layman said. "America's icebreaking capability is pretty tenuous right now, so we'll see how things change."

The vessel can generate more than 35,000 horsepower with four

generators driving two motors, said Petty Officer 1st Class Camille Sutton, a machinery technician in the Healy's engineering department. The engineering department consists of 24 Coast Guardsmen who keep the massive engines running smoothly, Sutton said.

Layman said the ship's unique hull form, called the "ice knife," and horsepower are key to operating in the sea ice of the Arctic. Regular ships aren't built and reinforced specifically to smash the ice like the Healy is, Layman said, which limits their usefulness above the Arctic Circle.

The ship is also equipped with a unique bridge in the aft to support backing up and ramming thicker ridges of ice, Layman said. The ship also has bow thrusters for precision maneuvers and ice operations.

"The single biggest thing is the shape of the hull," Layman said. It is designed to ride up on pack ice and use the ship's weight and forward motion to break through.

Scientific equipment is secured in one of the labs aboard the Healy as it returns to Seattle from a three-month deployment. The Healy uses the equipment and labs to accommodate the 50 scientists on board as they carry out a number of scientific missions in the Arctic, including biological, meteorological and oceanographic research, Layman said.

The science is focused on two main missions, Layman said: biological research in open water and monitoring the ice itself.

"Our bread and butter is monitoring how the ice is melting," Layman said. "Healy has a bunch of science sensors that have multiplied over time."



PHOTOS BY PETER SEGALL, THE JUNEAU (ALASKA) EMPIRE/AP

The USCGC Healy lies moored to a pier in Juneau, Alaska, on Oct. 27 during a visit on its way to its homeport in Seattle.

The scientists have returned home already, Layman said, flying out of Dutch Harbor with their data while the ship returns to Seattle with the equipment where it can be more easily offloaded.

The Healy is also capable of supporting other missions, including flight operations, search and rescue and even vessel interdiction, although without a combat information center, it's most effective as a scientific research vessel, Layman said.

The Coast Guard would use its MH-60 Jayhawk helicopters to resupply the Healy roughly once a week while underway, Layman said.



Scientific equipment on the Healy is secured in one of the ship's onboard labs.

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Army gives Marines' HIMARS a lift for 1st time

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Stars and Stripes

KIN, Okinawa — The Army successfully moved a Marine Corps mobile rocket system on a landing craft at sea for the first time Thursday, a short demonstration of U.S. ability to quickly move the system where it's needed.

The Marine Corps on Okinawa is working to improve its ability to defend the southernmost islands of Japan that stretch over hundreds of square miles between the East China and Philippine seas. The Marines' M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket System, or HIMARS, is a key weapon in its arsenal.

Col. Michael Roach, commander of the 12th Marine Regiment, said mobility is the key to success in the event of a conflict in the Pacific. Cooperating with other services and allies is a big part of that.

"For the large amounts of water in the region, the main way we're going to move around here is via landing craft," he said while overseeing Thursday's exercise. "So this really helps us maintain that lethality but also helps strengthen our interoperability with the Army that we don't get the opportunity to do as often as we would like."

Interoperability is a term the military uses often to mean, in this case, the ability of one service branch to use training methods and military equipment of another service. The Marines on Okinawa have twice so far shown they can move their HIMARS — basically a large truck with a complement of either rockets or missiles launched from a platform mounted on its back — with a landing craft. The Marines moved the HIMARS in a similar demonstration with the Navy on Aug. 14. This was a first for the III Marine Expeditionary Force.

Moving the rocket system via small landing craft will enable the Marines to establish advanced bases on Japan's islands during an attack.

"We understand that we have to be mobile to be successful and provide deterrence in the region, so what this does for us today is strengthen our ability to move quickly and move over a large distance," Roach said.

The HIMARS can fire several types of rockets and missiles and reach targets beyond 40 miles away, according to the Marines. Originally developed by the Army for use on land, its range exceeds the reach of artillery cannons and its munitions are guided by GPS, according to the U.S. Naval Institute.

The launcher vehicle comes with a three-man crew, a resupply vehicle and two recovery trailers.

The system can be moved on a C-130 transport plane, for example, and while air travel is faster it comes with space and weight restrictions that landing craft don't have, Roach said. Landing craft can also get into places that some larger naval vessels can't.

"We're able to get more equipment and more Marines into an operating area, with more of their kit, than we normally have," he said.

Backing up to move forward

Thursday's exercise started with the early morning arrival of a 12th Marines HIMARS platoon in a five-vehicle convoy at an isolated dock called "Kin Red" in the Okinawan town of Kin.

Soon after, Landing Craft Utility 2022 — the USAV Harpers Ferry, of the Army 10th Support Group — arrived at the dock and lowered the ramp at the front of the boat.

The demonstration was "more of a proof of concept" that HIMARS is compatible



PHOTOS BY MATT BURKE/Stars and Stripes

Soldiers with the Army's 10th Support Group back a Marine Corps vehicle onto the USAV Harpers Ferry during a joint training drill at Kin, Okinawa, on Thursday.



A Marine Corps M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket System, or HIMARS, launcher raises and swivels on the deck of an Army vessel at Kin.

with Army watercraft and the Army is capable of rapidly moving the Marines to islands in the Pacific, said Army Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Davis, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of marine operations for 10th Support Group.

"The Army watercraft is only a small portion of what 10th Support Group does out here," he said. "It's a critical piece but it's only like a very small piece of what we actually do."

The 10th Support Group's job is to mobilize and move units of the Army and other services throughout the Pacific, Davis said. It has just two boats in the region, but others could be brought from Hawaii if needed.

"We would like to see that (number of boats) grow," Davis said.

The Marine HIMARS platoon queued its vehicles to prepare to load onto the landing craft. Then, one by one, they approached, turned around and backed painstakingly on board, directed by the ship's crew.

Backing a Humvee or a large utility truck with a trailer attached up a ramp and onto a tightly spaced boat came with challenges, including the soldiers and Marines speaking their own respective "languages."

Marine drivers boarded their vehicles inch by inch. Sometimes Marine leaders stepped in to help the drivers navigate the treacherous approach.

Amphibious soldiers

When loading was complete and the HIMARS was successfully tied down, the Army crew cast off the lines and the boat buzzed over frothing swells of tropical blues and greens.

"Right now, conditions are optimum," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Alpan Risvanoglu, the boat captain on temporary duty in Japan with the Army's 7th Transportation Brigade Expeditionary.

While the ship bounced gingerly in growing swells as it moved farther and farther from Kin Red, Risvanoglu stood over the wheel in the pilot house. He pored over digitized charts, and just as on a Navy ship, crewmembers with binoculars scanned the horizon for boats and other obstacles. They communicated constantly.

Down on deck, Marine Lance Cpl. Tyrone Larson, a Humvee driver from Arizona, sat in the driver's seat waiting to offload. He said communication was the most challenging aspect of Thursday's exercise. He said not everyone was always on the same page.

"It was a pretty good experience," Larson said. "You know, we've got to learn from these things. It's not every day we get up in a ship."

The landing craft continued out to sea, turned around and returned to Kin Red,

the trip lasting about an hour.

Eventually, the Army and Marines will train together to take the HIMARS launcher to an island and establish "the launcher, security and logistics to sustain long-range fires," said 3rd Marine Division spokeswoman 1st Lt. Christina Metzler.

Learning experience

Back at Kin Red, the support vehicles were offloaded one by one, all except the HIMARS launcher.

Master Sgt. David Morgan, battery field-artillery chief for Battery Q, 12th Marines, directed the launch team to move the vehicle around the deck and into various positions. The team elevated the launcher and swung it around.

Asked what the team was doing, Morgan shook his head and offered no response.

"The HIMARS has been able to shoot off of ships and stuff like that," he said. "It's a capability of us being able to rapidly provide accurate and timely fire throughout the (U.S. Indo-Pacific Command) area of responsibility."

After the exercise was over, the battery chief debriefed his Marines.

"It's all about your learning," Morgan said as they crowded around him in a half-circle.

"It's not as easy as you hoped it would be to get backed onto a ramp ... even though you know what you're doing, but at the end of the day it's just learning something new, so always be willing to try."

However, Morgan said the exercise went well. The two services communicate differently, he said, so training together would only help future operations move more smoothly.

"Our ability to integrate as a joint force with the Army and with the Marine Corps is invaluable," Morgan said. "It gave us some chances to get some sets and reps, and those sets and reps are what is going to help with our future employment capabilities between the Army and the Marine Corps in the INDOPACOM area."

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MILITARY

US Navy, Brunei end training in South China Sea

By CHRISTIAN LOPEZ
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U.S. and Brunei armed forces finished their 25th annual maritime training exercise Thursday at Muara Naval Base, Brunei, after more than a week of operations in the South China Sea.

"This is what partnership looks like," Navy Rear Adm. Joey Tynch, commander of Logistics Group Western Pacific, said in a Navy statement at the conclusion of Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training, or CARAT. "There's no better demonstration of our shared commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific than working together at sea."

Brunei sits just 160 miles from the nearest island in the Spratly Island chain, closer than several of the countries laying claim to territory within it.

China, Vietnam, the Philip-

pinas, Taiwan and Malaysia all claim portions of the Spratly, a chain of nearly 100 small islands and reefs. Together, the claimants occupy 45 of the islands.

China, considered the most assertive in the region, has artificially created more than 3,200 acres and installed military facilities on seven of the islands, according to the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Part of the 2018 U.S. National Defense Strategy calls for countering China's claims in the western Pacific, a move that includes the U.S. working with countries like the Philippines, Australia and Brunei.

Brunei claims no territory in the Spratlys but has declared an exclusive economic zone within a reef there. That gives it standing to assert a right to take advantage of the area for economic purposes, such as imposing fishing regu-



CHRISTOPHER VELOICAZA/U.S. Navy

The USNS Millinocket, left, drills with Brunei navy vessels in the South China Sea during the Cooperation Afloat and Readiness and Training exercise on Wednesday.

lations or generating energy from waves.

During 10 days of exercises in the area, the littoral combat ship USS Montgomery and fast transport USNS Millinocket were joined by the Brunei Royal Navy's offshore patrol vessel KDB Darulaman and inshore patrol vessel KDB Syafaat, according to a Navy statement.

The training included tracking exercises, deck landing qualifications and medical evacuation simulations, divisional tactics and replenishment at sea, accord-

ing to the statement.

Additionally, the exercise this year included an aviation component, with a focus on joint training and search and rescue. A Navy P-8A Poseidon took part, along with Brunei military helicopters, according to the statement.

For the first time in this exercise, the Navy employed an MQ-8B Fire Scout Unmanned Autonomous helicopter with surveillance cameras for visit, board, search and seizure drills.

"Our relationship with Brunei is special, because we've been

working together with the Royal Brunei Armed Forces for over 50 years, and we share a comprehensive partnership built on trust and a continued commitment to train in various maritime situations," Capt. Matthew Jerbi, commander of Destroyer Squadron 7, said in a Navy statement.

CARAT Brunei 2019 is the fourth leg of the exercise that has already included separate training with Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Thailand.

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US military heads to Montenegro to counter election cyberthreats

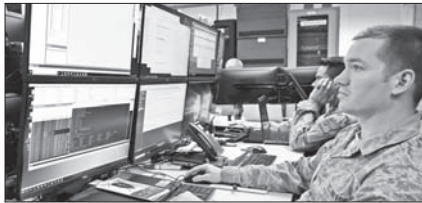
By JOHN VANDIVER
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — The U.S. military has dispatched an elite cyberteam to the tiny Balkan nation of Montenegro to protect networks and study the tactics of adversaries like Russia, ahead of national elections next year.

American service members will work alongside Montenegrin cyberdefenders "to counter malicious cyber actors on critical networks and platforms," the U.S. Embassy in Montenegro said in a statement this week.

While the statement did not name any adversaries, both the U.S. and Montenegro have held elections in which Russia has been suspected of backing cyberattacks and disinformation campaigns.

The deployment, in coordination with U.S. European Command and Cyber Command, is intended to prepare for adversaries ahead of U.S. and Montenegrin elections



RENAE PITTMAN/U.S. Air Force

Tech. Sgt. Noe Kaur launches cyberattacks as part of an exercise at Ramstein Air Base, Germany in March. The U.S. military has dispatched a team to Montenegro, in part to study the cyber tactics of adversaries.

in 2020, the statement said.

Montenegrin officials have alleged that Russian military intelligence operatives and Serbian nationalists sought to influence Montenegro's 2016 elections, in a bid to prevent them from joining NATO.

Moscow has long opposed NATO expansion eastward, seeing it as a security threat.

But eight months after the interference bid, in June 2017, Montenegro became the 29th member of NATO. The Balkan country remains a focal point for the U.S.

and the alliance when it comes to defending against cyberattacks from Russia.

U.S. and Montenegrin specialists will work together to identify "malicious cyber actors' capabilities and tools," allowing the two countries and "other allies and partners to prevent future network intrusions and cyberattacks," the U.S. Embassy said. Montenegrin Defense Minister Predrag Boskovic said resisting cyberattacks is key to protecting the Western Balkans "from those who would keep this part of Europe in conflicts, setbacks and economic decline."

"Montenegro is among the first in Europe to face unconventional attacks on its democracy and freedom of choice," he said in a statement.

The U.S. military is adding more cyberdefense teams and developing more realistic training for its high-tech operators.

American cyberexperts were also dispatched to Montenegro

last year to lend support, and in September, CYBERCOM's Gen. Paul M. Nakasone said the Army is developing a new "persistent cybertraining environment," which will allow units to train virtually on the kinds of networks used by adversaries.

EUCOM declined to comment on the structure of the cyberdefense teams being sent to Montenegro, citing the need to protect tactics.

"As in all domains, we work together in cyberspace to learn from one another and help harden the networks on which the United States and our partners depend," EUCOM said in a statement.

The arrival of U.S. teams in Montenegro underscores "our close partnership in cyber defense, which helps to protect our shared values and interests," U.S. Ambassador to Montenegro Judy Reinke said in a statement.

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First National Guard cyberbattalion in Midwest will be based in Ind.

By DAN CARDEN
The (Munster, Ind.) Times

If wars of the future are fought by soldiers operating on digital battlefields instead of with boots on the ground, the Hoosier State will be ready.

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb recently announced Indiana has

been selected by the Army National Guard to be home to the country's newest National Guard cyberbattalion and the first in the Midwest.

According to the governor's office, approximately 100 soldiers of the 127th Cyber Protection Battalion will be trained in cybersecurity and cyberwarfare at

the U.S. Department of Defense's only live, full-scale cyberrange at the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center in Jennings County, about 75 miles southeast of Indianapolis.

The center is known for its realistic simulations with live environments for cyber and electronic warfare testing and training. Sol-

diers also will receive training at the Ivy Tech Community College Cyber Academy at Muscatatuck.

"Warfare is becoming increasingly digital and it's an honor for Indiana to be home to those who protect our country from computer-generated threats," said Holcomb, a U.S. Navy veteran.

"With our National Guard's

current cyberresources and Indiana's top-notch academic institutions, our state is a natural fit for one of the country's first cyberbattalions."

Indiana Adjutant General R. Dale Lyles said he's excited by the opportunities associated with stationing a cyberbattalion in the Indiana National Guard.

WAR/MILITARY

Blast hits Syrian town along Turkey border

Associated Press

ISTANBUL — A car bomb exploded in a northern Syrian town along the border with Turkey on Saturday, killing 13 people, Turkey's Defense Ministry said.

The ministry said about 20 others were wounded when the bomb exploded in central Tal Abyad, which was captured last month by Turkey-backed opposition gunmen from Kurdish-led fighters.

The ministry blamed Syrian Kurdish fighters for the attack, saying it harshly condemns it, and called on the international community to take a stance against this "cruel terror organization."

A spokesman for the main Kurdish-led force in Syria, Mustafa Bal, blamed Turkey for the blast, saying Turkey and the Syrian fighters it backs "are now creating chaos" in Tal Abyad to

displace the Kurds who live in the town.

"Turkey is responsible for civilian casualties in the region it controls," Bali tweeted.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility.

Turkey last month invaded northeastern Syria to push out Syrian Kurdish fighters, who it considers terrorists for their links to a Kurdish insurgency inside Turkey.

Earlier Saturday, the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces said Christian fighters will now oversee security in a northern Syrian region that has witnessed fighting between Turkey-backed troops and Kurdish-led militiamen.

The SDF said the deployment will take place in villages close to the town of Tal Tamr in the Khabur river region.



A man tries to put out a fire after a car bomb exploded in Tal Abyad, Syria, on Saturday.

AP

Israeli airstrike hits Gaza after rockets fired across border

By FARES AKRAM

Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli airstrikes on Gaza killed a Palestinian man Saturday as aircraft pounded militant sites in response to barrages of rockets launched toward Israel from the seaside enclave.

The exchange of fire shattered a monthlong lull across the volatile frontier.

Gaza's Health Ministry said Ahmed al-Shehri, 27, died from shrapnel injuries during the Israeli bombings that continued through the early hours of Saturday.

He was among three men who sustained moderate or serious wounds from one of the airstrikes. Witnesses at Nasser Hospital in



TAFFIR ABAYOV/AP

A man checks a car damaged by shrapnel from a missile fired from Gaza Strip in Sderot, Israel, on Friday.

the southern city of Khan Yunis said the three were sitting in an orchard adjacent to one of the militant posts that was hit.

In a statement, the Israeli military said its warplanes targeted

military compounds affiliated with Gaza's Hamas rulers. The targets included weapons manufacturing and storage facilities, a naval base and a compound serving Hamas' aerial defense array.

The army "views the rocket attack targeting Israeli territory with great severity and is prepared to continue operating as necessary against attempts to harm Israeli civilians," the military said.

Late Friday, two barrages of 10 rockets were launched into southern Israel within minutes, causing damage to a house.

There were no reports of casualties. Israeli police said shrapnel damaged a house in the southern town of Sderot and video footage showed a car near the structure with windows blown out by debris.

The Israeli military said seven rockets were fired in the first incident and the Iron Dome missile defense system intercepted them. Minutes later, three rockets

were launched and only one was intercepted.

No Palestinian groups claimed responsibility for the rocket fire.

Israel blames Hamas for any fire from the enclave. The militant group says it's committed to an unofficial truce deal, but rogue groups that include Iran-backed Islamic Jihad and smaller Salafist factions sometimes act independently of Hamas.

Ethical: Boundaries set by AI principles considered flimsy

FROM THE FRONT

commercial business world has found myriad uses for them.

But the prospect of computers making decisions in a combat scenario has been met with skepticism from some corners of the tech world.

In 2017, a group of 116 technology executives asked the United Nations to pursue an all-out ban on autonomous weapons. Google went so far as to completely ban the use of its AI algorithm in any weapons system, a decision that followed employee complaints over its involvement in a program to analyze drone footage.

Other tech companies, such as Microsoft and Amazon, have embraced opportunities to work with the military while arguing for a more nuanced approach.

The Pentagon's known uses of AI are a far cry from the dystopian visions that have appeared in popular fiction for decades.

The Army has been experimenting with so-called "predictive maintenance" programs, hoping to flag failing vehicle parts before they break down in combat. Defense and intelligence agencies have been using artificial intelligence to analyze drone feeds, hoping to spare Air Force personnel countless hours spent staring at video feeds collected by the surveillance aircraft.

Last year, the Defense Department created a Joint Artificial Intelligence Center to coordinate AI-related activities across the services, and unveiled an artificial intelligence strategy focused on speeding up its use of such technology to compete with Russia and China.

The Defense Department is so far just dipping its toes in, analysts say.

"What you see DoD searching for is some early use cases that are relatively easy from a tech

standpoint and from a policy and cultural standpoint," said Paul Scharre, a former Army Ranger and Pentagon official who studies the issue at the Center for New American Security, a think tank. "They're looking for the ability to demonstrate clear value," he said.

The AI principles released Thursday were light on specifics, setting few of the hard-and-fast boundaries that AI skeptics might have hoped for.

Its recommendations for the Defense Department pertained mostly to broadly defined goals like "formalizing these principles" or "cultivating the field of AI engineering." Other recommendations included setting up a steering committee or a set of workforce training programs.

What the document did do is establish a set of high-level ethical goals the department should strive for in its design of AI-en-

abled systems.

It clarified that AI systems should first and foremost be "responsible" and always under the full control of humans. The document specified that AI systems should be "equitable," recognizing that some AI systems have already been shown to express racial biases.

The document asserts that they should also be "traceable," such that their design and use can be audited by outside observers and "reliable" enough to function as intended. And the systems should be "governable" so they can be shut off when found to be acting inappropriately.

Scharre, the Center for a New American Security fellow, said the actual impact of the board's recommendations will depend on how the Defense Department proceeds.

"There is going to have to be high-level sustained oversight on this issue," Scharre said.

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1979 HOSTAGE CRISIS

Iranian student leader regrets US Embassy attack

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Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — His revolutionary fervor diminished by the years that have also turned his dark brown hair white, one of the Iranian student leaders of the 1979 U.S. Embassy takeover says he now regrets the seizure of the diplomatic compound and the 444-day hostage crisis that followed.

Speaking to The Associated Press ahead of Monday's 40th anniversary of the attack — which will feature a rally in front of the Tehran compound where the embassy was located — Ebrahim Asgharzadeh acknowledged that the repercussions of the crisis still reverberate as tensions remain high between the U.S. and Iran over Tehran's collapsing nuclear deal with world powers.

Asgharzadeh cautioned others against following in his footsteps, despite the takeover becoming enshrined in hard-line mythology. He also disputed a revisionist history now being offered by supporters of Iran's Revolutionary Guard that they directed the attack, insisting all the blame rested with the Islamic students who let the crisis spin out of control.

"Like Jesus Christ, I bear all the sins on my shoulders," Asgharzadeh said.

At the time, what led to the 1979 takeover remained obscure to Americans who for months could only watch in horror as TV newscasts showed Iranian protests at the embassy. Popular anger against the U.S. was rooted in the 1953 CIA-engineered coup that toppled Iran's elected prime minister and cemented the power of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi.

The shah, dying from cancer, fled Iran in 1979, paving the way for its Islamic Revolution. But for months, Iran faced widespread unrest ranging from separatist attacks to worker revolts and internal power struggles. Police reported for work but not for duty, allowing chaos like Marxist students briefly seizing the U.S. Embassy.

In that power vacuum, then-President Jimmy Carter allowed the shah to seek medical treatment in New York. That lit the fuse for the Nov. 4, 1979, takeover, though at first the Islamic students argued over which embassy to seize. A student leader named Mahmoud Ahmadi, who later became president in 2005, argued they should seize the Soviet Embassy compound in Tehran as leftists had caused political chaos.

But the students settled on the U.S. Embassy, hoping to pressure Carter to send the shah back to Iran to stand trial on corruption charges. Asgharzadeh, then 23 and an engineering student, remembers friends going to Tehran's Grand Bazaar to buy a bolt cutter, a popular tool used by criminals, and the salesmen saying, "You do not look like thieves. You certainly want to open up the U.S. Embassy door with it!"

"The society was ready for it to happen. Everything happened so fast," Asgharzadeh said. "We cut off the chains on the embassy's gate. Some of us climbed up the walls and we occupied the embassy compound very fast."

Like other former students, Asgharzadeh said the plan had been simply to stage a sit-in. But the situation soon spun out of their control. Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the long-exiled Shiite cleric whose return to Iran sparked the revolution, gave his support to the takeover. He would use the popular angle to expand the Islamists' power.

"We, the students, take responsibility



VAHID SALEMI/AP

Gen. Hossein Salami, center, the chief of Iran's Revolutionary Guard, steps on a U.S. flag as he arrives at a ceremony to unveil new anti-U.S. murals painted on the walls of the former U.S. Embassy in Tehran on Saturday.

Crisis: Iranians' anger at US reached a fever pitch in 1979; for many it continues

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it among the crowd," said Kazemi, now 67, pointing to the spot. "They would come and chant 'death to America,' 'death to the shah' ... It changed the world as I knew it."

Anger toward America had already been growing throughout 1979 as Iran's revolutionary government took hold, but it boiled over in October when the United States took in the ailing shah for medical treatment.

After several protests, the Islamist students raided the embassy on Nov. 4 and took 98 hostages.

What initially began as a sit-in devolved into 444 days of captivity for 52 Americans seized in the embassy. It prompted President Jimmy Carter to expel Iranian diplomats and launch a failed rescue mission before the Americans were eventually released on the last day of his presidency, setting off decades of hostility amid an Islamic takeover that turned the country from a former U.S. ally into perhaps its greatest adversary.

Many of those sentiments remain today amid the escalating tensions between Tehran and Washington following the disintegration of Iran's 2015 nuclear deal and the subsequent U.S. sanctions that have sent the Iranian economy into free fall.

Outside the former embassy's shaded red-brick walls, which were in the process of being painted with anti-U.S. murals for the upcoming anniversary, former protester Hossein Kouhi said he turned out in 1979 to denounce what he called U.S. intervention in Iran's internal affairs, something he says continues today.

"I had a good feeling then, but we have had a bad fate," said Kouhi, now 76, as he blamed the U.S. for shortages of medicines in Iran because of the sanctions. "Even today, if we allow, if the U.S.) will come here to plunder Iran, just like it's doing to other countries in the region. No foreigner is a friend of Iran. They all lie."

Zahra Tashakori, 41, a schoolteacher, agreed, saying she was glad the American presence was long gone.

"Look at their movies. They promote violence and other bad things in the societies," she said. "They ruined wherever they intervened in the region. Just look at Iraq, Afghanistan and Syria."

Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, like his predecessor, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, repeatedly hails the militants who took over the embassy as being "ahead of their time."

Others on the street, though, had a more nuanced view in hindsight.

"I believed the U.S. Embassy should have been closed down officially, but not through takeover," said Ghasem Rabiei, 49. "The U.S. was opposing the Islamic Republic in many ways, so they should have been deported from our country, but peacefully and legally."

Reza Chorbani, 19, an engineering student at Tehran's Azad University, asked: "What is the result of this super-long hostility? I do not say the U.S. government is good, but these lengthy bitter relations have damaged Iran too."

The U.S. blames Iran for a series of mysterious oil tanker attacks this year and alleges it carried out last month's attack on the world's largest oil processor in Saudi Arabia. Iran denies the accusations.

for the first 48 hours of the takeover," Asgharzadeh said. "Later, it was out of our hands since the late Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini and the establishment supported it."

He added, "Our plan was one of students, unprofessional and temporary."

As time went on, it slowly dawned on the naive students that Americans as a whole wouldn't join their revolution. While a rescue attempt by the U.S. military would fail and Carter would lose to Ronald Reagan amid the crisis, the U.S. as a whole expressed worry about the hostages by displaying yellow ribbons and counting the days of their captivity.

As the months passed, things only got worse. Asgharzadeh said he thought it would end once the shah left America or later with his death in Egypt in July 1980. "It didn't."

"A few months after the takeover, it appeared to be turning into rotten fruit hanging down from a tree, and no one had the courage to take it down and resolve the matter," he said. "There was a lot of public opinion support behind the move in the society. The society felt it had slapped America, a superpower, on the mouth, and people believed that the takeover proved to America that their democratic revolution had been stabilized."

It hadn't, though. The eight-year Iran-Iraq War would break out during the crisis. The hostage crisis and their democratic revolution had been stabilized. The eight-year Iran-Iraq War would break out during the crisis. The hostage crisis and their democratic revolution had been stabilized.

Seizing or attacking diplomatic posts remains a tactic of Iranian hard-liners to this day. A mob stormed the British Embassy in Tehran in 2011, while another attacked diplomatic posts of Saudi Arabia in 2016, which led to diplomatic ties being cut between Tehran and Riyadh.

However, Asgharzadeh denied that Iran's then-nascent Revolutionary Guard directed the U.S. Embassy takeover, although he said it was informed before the attack over fears that security forces would storm the compound and retake it. Many at the time believed the shah would launch a coup, like in 1953, to regain power.

"In a very limited way, we informed one of the Guard's units and they accepted to protect the embassy from outside," Asgharzadeh said. "The claim (by hard-liners) on the Guard's role lacks credit. I am the main narrator of the incident and I am still alive."

In the years since, Asgharzadeh has become a reformist politician and served prison time for his views. He has argued that Iran should work toward improving ties with the U.S., a difficult task amid President Donald Trump's maximalist campaign against Tehran.

"It is too difficult to say when the relations between Tehran and Washington can be restored," Asgharzadeh said. "I do not see any prospect."



'Like Jesus Christ, I bear all the sins on my shoulders.'

Ebrahim Asgharzadeh
Iranian student leader of the 1979 U.S. Embassy takeover

NATION

Trump now has opening to pull US out of climate pact

By SETH BORENSTEIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For more than two years President Donald Trump has talked about pulling the United States out of the landmark Paris climate agreement. Starting Monday he finally can do something about it.

Even then, though, the withdrawal process takes a year and wouldn't become official until at least the day after the 2020 presidential election.

In the Paris agreement, nearly 200 countries set their own national targets for reducing or controlling pollution of heat-trapping gases. It was negotiated in 2015 with lots of prodding by the United States and China and went into effect Nov. 4, 2016.

The terms of the deal say no country can withdraw in the first three years. So Monday is the first time the U.S. could actually start the withdrawal process, which begins with a letter to the United Nations. It doesn't become official for a year after that, which leads to the day after the election.

If someone other than Trump wins in 2020, the next president could get back in the deal in just 30 days and plan to cut carbon pollution, said Andrew Light, a former Obama State Department climate negotiator now at the non-profit World Resources Institute.

Light and other experts say the withdrawal by the United States, the second-biggest climate polluter and the world's largest economy, will hurt efforts to fight global warming.

"Global objectives can't be met unless everybody does their part and the U.S. has to play the game," said Appalachian State University environmental sciences professor Gregg Marland, who is part of a global effort to track carbon dioxide emissions. "We're the second-biggest player. What happens to the game if we take our ball and go home?"

Someone else, probably the biggest polluter, China, will take over leadership in the global fight, said MIT economist Jake Jacoby, who co-founded the MIT Joint Program on the Science and Policy of Global Change.

The penalty for the U.S. "is not in economic loss. The penalty is in shame, in discrediting U.S. leadership," Jacoby said.

Asked what the U.S. plans next, State Department spokesman James Dewey on Friday emailed only this: "The U.S. position with respect to the Paris Agreement has not changed. The United States intends to withdraw from the Paris Agreement."

The agreement set goals of preventing another 0.9 degrees to 1.8 degrees of warming from current levels. Even the pledges made in 2015 weren't enough to prevent those levels of warming.

The deal calls for nations to come up with more ambitious pollution cuts every five years, starting in November 2020 at a meeting in Scotland. Because of the expected withdrawal, the U.S. role in 2020 negotiations will be reduced, Light said.

Trump has been promising to pull out of the Paris deal since 2017, often mischaracterizing the terms of the agreement, which is voluntary. In October, he called it a massive wealth transfer from



SUSAN WALSH/AP

Demonstrators protest President Donald Trump's decision in 2017 to withdraw the United States from the Paris climate change accord. Monday is the first day the U.S. can start the withdrawal process.

America to other nations and said it was one-sided.

That's not the case, experts said.

For example, the U.S. goal — set by President Barack Obama's administration — had been to reduce carbon dioxide emission in 2025 by 26% to 28% from 2005 levels. That translates to about 15% from 1990 levels.

The European Union's goal was to cut carbon pollution in 2030 by 40% from 1990 levels, which is greater than America's pledge, said Stanford University's Rob Jackson, who chairs the Global Carbon Project, a group of scientists that track carbon emissions worldwide. The United Kingdom has already exceeded that goal, he said.

"The U.S. agreement is not a tax on the American people. There is no massive wealth transfer," said Climate Advisers CEO Nigel Purvis, who was a lead State Department climate negotiator in the Bill Clinton and George W. Bush administrations. "In fact, the agreement obligates no country to make any financial payments."

Formally getting out of the Paris agreement is bad, but at this point after years of rhetoric is more symbolic than anything, said Georgia Tech climate scientist Kim Cobb. She said she is more worried about other Trump carbon pollution actions, such as fighting California's tougher emissions and mileage standards and rollbacks of coal-fired power plant regulations.

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NATION

A divided nation lurches toward its next election

By JULIE PACE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — One year from Sunday, voters will decide whether to grant President Donald Trump a second term in office, an election that will be a referendum on Trump's vision for America's culture and role in the world.

Much is unknown about how the United States and its politics will look on Nov. 3, 2020.

Who will Trump's opponent be? How will Democrats resolve the ideological, generational and demographic questions roiling their primary? Will a strong economy shore up Trump's support or will recession warning signs turn into a reality? Will Trump face voters as just the third American president to have been impeached by the House of Representatives?

This much seems certain: The nation will plunge into the election as deeply divided as it has been politically in more than half a century, when cities were in flames with protests over war and civil rights.

"It seems like Republicans and Democrats are intractable," said Mark Updegrave, a presidential historian and chairman of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation. "They are both adhering to their own versions of reality, whether they're based in truth or not."

The political divisions today reflect societal and economic schisms between more rural, largely white communities where the economy depends on industries being depleted by outsourcing and automation and more urban, racially diverse, areas dominated by a service economy and where technology booms are increasing wealth.

Many of those divisions existed

before Trump, but his presidency has exacerbated them. Trump has panned his political opponents as "human scum," while Democrats view his vision for America's future as anathema to the country's founding values.

Indeed, no president in the history of public opinion polling has faced such deep and consistent partisan polarization.

Polling conducted by Gallup shows that an average of 86% of Republicans have approved of Trump over the course of his time in office, and no less than 79% have approved in any individual poll. That's compared with just 7% of Democrats who have approved on average, including no more than 12% in any individual poll.

To win, Trump's campaign needs to re-create the enthusiasm among his core supporters, a task that isn't always easy for an incumbent burdened with a four-year record in office. But Trump is already leaning hard into the strict immigration policies that enlivened his supporters in 2016 while trying to convince more skeptical Republicans that Democrats are moving so far left as to be outside of the mainstream.

Rather than trying to persuade independents and moderate Democrats to switch their allegiances, the Trump campaign also believes it has better prospects in identifying Trump fans who didn't show up in 2016 and mobilizing them to vote.

Trump's case for reelection may hinge on the state of the economy, which continues to grow. The unemployment rate is also near a five-decade low of 3.6% and the stock market keeps reaching new highs.

The biggest known unknown for both parties may be how the ongoing impeachment proceedings will be viewed by Americans one year from now.



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In a year, voters will decide whether to give President Donald Trump a second term or elect a new leader.



CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

Audience members wait for Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden to arrive at a town hall Thursday in Fort Dodge, Iowa. A new poll finds public interest in the 2020 presidential election is growing.

Poll: Interest in 2020 campaign is growing, as is voters' anxiety

By EMILY SWANSON
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A year out from the 2020 general election, there already is significant interest in the presidential campaign. But a poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research also finds a growing share of Americans feeling anxious and frustrated compared with early in the summer.

Republicans and Democrats are about equally likely to say they have been paying close attention, but the poll finds feelings of anxiety and frustration more concentrated among Democrats.

Here's a look at how Americans are feeling about the campaign with one year to go until the 2020 general election.

Interested but anxious

The poll finds widespread interest in the campaign, including among 82% of Democrats and 74% of Republicans. Overall, 73% of Americans say they're interested, up from 66% in June.

Democrats are more likely than Republicans to say they feel anxious, 67% to 45%, and frustrated, 64% to 49%. But the poll finds that levels of frustration and anxiety have increased among people from both parties since June.

Democrats who describe themselves as liberal are slightly more likely than moderates and conservatives to say they're interested, 88% to 79%, but also significantly more likely to say they're anxious, 80% to 60%.

Dems view of candidates

Democrats have largely positive views of all of their front-running candidates.

Overall, similar proportions say they have a favorable view of the top three Democratic candidates — 72% for Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, 68% for former Vice President Joe Biden and 65% for Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren. About 2 in 10 have negative opinions of each.

Warren is still less well-known among Democrats. Slightly more say they don't know enough about Warren to have an opinion than say that about Biden or Sanders, 16% compared with 9% and 8%, respectively.

Despite high ratings for all three front-runners, there are signs of ideological division.

Biden scores slightly higher among Democrats who describe themselves as moderate and conservative than among those who say they're liberal, 72% to 62%.

The pattern is the opposite for Warren, with 76% of liberal Democrats and 58% of moderate and conservative ones viewing her favorably, and for Sanders, with positive ratings from 79% of liberal Democrats and 68% of moderate and conservative ones.

Public's view of Dems

While the general election may be a year away, Americans are already closely divided on the Democratic primary contest's front-runners.

Biden sees favorable ratings from 44% of Americans and unfavorable ones from 42%. Views are slightly more favorable than unfavorable for Sanders, 47% to 41%.

About as many have a favorable opinion of Warren as an unfavorable one, 38% to 37%, with about one-quarter still saying they don't know enough about her to have an opinion.

Opinions on California Sen. Kamala Harris and South Bend,

Ind., Mayor Pete Buttigieg are also closely divided, but large proportions of Americans have no opinion of each — about one-third for Harris and close to half for Buttigieg.

Views of whoever becomes the nominee could change as November 2020 nears. Hillary Clinton started out with largely positive ratings from Americans after her tenure as secretary of state, but negative opinions increased over the course of the 2016 campaign.

Public's view of Trump

More than half of Americans, 55%, say they have an unfavorable opinion of President Donald Trump, while 40% say they have a favorable opinion. Eight in 10 Republicans have a favorable opinion, while nearly 9 in 10 Democrats have an unfavorable one.

Among Republicans, those who describe themselves as liberals and moderates are much more likely to have an unfavorable opinion than those who describe themselves as conservatives, 30% to 10%.

In 2016, Trump overcame similarly low popularity and even doubts among some Republicans to win the White House.

Since Trump took office in January 2017, 42% of Americans say they've been paying more attention to politics. An additional 43% say they're paying about as much attention as they've been before, while 15% say they've been paying less attention.

The AP-NORC poll of 1,075 adults was conducted Oct. 24-28 using a sample drawn from NORC's probability-based AmeriSpeak Panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 4.1 percentage points.

NATION

Crews make progress on Calif. wildfires

By JOHN ANTCAK
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Authorities lifted evacuation orders for a farm community Saturday as firefighters make progress on a large wildfire in Southern California that continues to threaten about 2,500 homes and buildings.

Ventura County officials allowed an unknown number of residents in Somis to return home Saturday morning after firefighters contained 30% of the Maria Fire, which has burned nearly 15 square miles and forced nearly 11,000 people to evacuate.

Fire activity subsided overnight. The county officials said in a 6 p.m. update that the humidity level is expected to stay low and winds will become more favorable to firefighting in Southern California.

Police in Santa Monica urged beachgoers to seek shelter indoors after lightning was reported over the city.

Crews battled to keep the flames away from orchards and farms in the rural area. Three buildings were destroyed.

The fire erupted on a hilltop northwest of Los Angeles on Thursday during what had been expected to be the tail end of gusty Santa Ana winds.

The cause was under investigation but there was a troubling possibility that an electrical line might have been involved — as such lines have been at other recent fires.

Southern California Edison said Friday that it reenergized a 16,000-volt power line 13 minutes before the fire erupted in the same area.

Edison and other utilities up and down the state shut off power to hundreds of thousands of people last week out of concerns that high winds could cause power lines to spark and start fires.

SEU will cooperate with investigators, the utility said.

In Northern California, more people were allowed to return to areas evacuated due to the huge Kincaid Fire burning for days in the Sonoma County wine country.

The 121-square-mile fire was



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

A charred lawn chair overlooks a valley filled with smoke from the Kincaid Fire near Healdsburg, Calif., on Friday.

Trump threatens to cut Calif. fire funds

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — President Donald Trump is threatening to cut U.S. funding to California for aid during wildfires that have burned across the state during dry winds this fall.

Trump tweeted Sunday that California Gov. Gavin Newsom has done a "terrible job of forest

management." He tweeted that when fires rage, the governor comes to the federal government for help. "No more," he said.

Newsom replied with a tweet: "You don't believe in climate change. You are excused from this conversation."

The state controls a small percentage of forest land. The

federal government manages most of it.

Last year Trump made a similar threat amid California fires — accusing the state of "gross mismanagement" of forests.

At the time Newsom defended wildfire prevention efforts while criticizing the federal government for not doing enough.

the state's largest utility, Pacific Gas & Electric Co., to initiate four rounds of widespread pre-emptive shut-offs in Northern California in recent weeks to prevent wildfires.

But the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District pegged the utility's equipment as the cause of three smaller fires that cropped up Oct. 27 in the San Francisco Bay Area suburbs of Martinez and Lafayette.

While the cause of the Kincaid Fire hasn't been determined, PG&E reported a problem with a transmission tower near the spot where the fire started.

72% contained, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection said.

The tally of destroyed homes reached 175 and there were 35 more damaged, Cal Fire said.

Many other structures also burned.

Historic dry winds prompted

Former President Carter is back teaching Sunday school

By JAY REEVES
Associated Press

PLAINS, Ga. — Former President Jimmy Carter taught a Bible lesson on life after death on Sunday, less than two weeks after breaking his pelvis in a fall.

Using a walker, the 95-year-old Democrat slowly entered the crowded sanctuary at Maranatha Baptist Church in the southwest Georgia town of Plains. "Morning, everybody," he said cheerfully.

With help, Carter sat on a motorized lift chair at the front of the room to teach a 45-minute lesson based on the Old Testament



Carter

book of Job.

Referring to a cancer diagnosis that resulted in the removal of part of his liver in 2015, Carter said he was in "at ease" with the idea of dying and believes in life after death.

More than 400 people were on hand in the main hall and smaller, overflow rooms where the lesson was shown on television.

Carter was briefly hospitalized and has since been recovering at home since fracturing his pelvis on Oct. 21. He also fell shortly before that and needed stitches above his left eye.

Carter is the oldest living U.S. ex-President ever and has been teaching Bible lessons since he was in his teens. He missed one Sunday school class after the pelvis fracture.

The Rev. Tony Lowden said Secret Service agents, relatives and fellow church members all discouraged Carter from teaching because of the injury, but he

insisted.

"He is pouring out that you might see Christ while he is suffering," Lowden told the crowd.

Carter remained for the worship service after teaching, sitting in a pew beside his wife, Rosalyn, and singing hymns with the congregation.

Referring to the former president and Jesus Christ by their initials, Lowden gave thanks for Carter in prayer.

"The greatest thing I've learned as a pastor here is watching J.C. follow J.C.," Lowden said.

NATION

Judge blocks insurance rule for immigrants

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — A federal judge in Portland on Saturday put on hold a Trump administration rule requiring immigrants to prove they will have health insurance or can pay for medical care before they can get visas.

U.S. District Judge Michael Simon granted a temporary restraining order that prevented the rule from going into effect Sunday. It's not clear when he will rule on the merits of the case.

Seven U.S. citizens and a nonprofit organization filed the federal lawsuit Wednesday contending the rule would block nearly two-thirds of all prospective legal immigrants.

The lawsuit also said the rule would greatly reduce or eliminate the number of immigrants who enter the United States with family-sponsored visas. "We're very grateful that the court recognized the need to block the health care ban immediately," said Justice Action Center senior litigator Esther Sung, who argued at Saturday's hearing on behalf of the plaintiffs. "The ban would separate families and cut two-thirds of green-card-based immigration starting tonight were the ban not stopped."

The proclamation signed by President Donald Trump in early October applies to people seeking immigrant visas from abroad — not those in the U.S. already. It does not affect lawful permanent residents.

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Justice Action Center

unless they are to be covered by health insurance within 30 days of entering or have enough financial resources to pay for any medical costs.

The rule is the Trump administration's latest effort to limit immigrant access to public programs while trying to move the country away from a family-based immigration system to a

merit-based system.

The White House said in a statement Sunday that it strongly disagrees with the decision.

"Once again, a nationwide injunction is permitting a single judge to thwart the president's policy judgment on a matter where Congress expressly gave the president authority," said the statement from press secretary Stephanie Grisham. "It is wrong and unfair for a single district court judge to thwart the policies that the president determined would best protect the United States health care system — and for the United States taxpayers to suffer the grave consequences of the immense strain inflicted on the health care system from subsidizing uncompensated care for those seeking admission."



REBECCA BLACKWELL/AP

Local residents with visas walk across the Puerta Mexico international bridge to enter the U.S. in Matamoros, Tamaulipas state, Mexico, in June. A federal judge has blocked the Trump administration from requiring immigrants to be responsible for their medical care before they can get visas.

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Under the government's visa rule, the required insurance can be bought individually or provided by an employer and it can be short-term coverage or catastrophic.

Medicaid doesn't count, and an immigrant can't get a visa if using the Affordable Care Act's subsidies when buying insurance. The federal government pays for those subsidies.

According to the Migration Policy Institute, a nonpartisan immigration think tank, 57% of U.S. immigrants had private health insurance in 2017, compared with 69% of U.S.-born, and 30% had public health insurance coverage, compared with 36% of native-born.

The uninsured rate for immigrants dropped from 32% to

20% from 2013 to 2017, since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, according to Migration Policy.

There are about 1.1 million people who obtain green cards each year.

"Countless thousands across the country can breathe a sigh of relief today because the court recognized the urgent and irreparable harm that would have been inflicted" without the hold, said Jesse Bless, director of federal litigation at the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

Earlier this year, the administration made sweeping changes to regulations that would deny green cards to immigrants who use some forms of public assistance, but the courts have blocked that measure.

Studies show how daylight saving time affects health

By LINDSEY TANNER

Associated Press

Office workers bemoan driving home in the dark. Night owls relish the chance to sleep in. As clocks ticked toward the end of daylight saving time, many sleep scientists and circadian biologists were pushing for a permanent ban because of potential ill effects on human health.

Losing an hour of afternoon daylight sounds like a gloomy preview for the dark winter months, and at least one study found an increase in people seeking help for depression after turning the clocks back to standard time in November — in Scandinavia.

Research shows the spring-time start of daylight saving time may be more harmful, linking it with more car accidents, heart attacks in vulnerable people and other health problems that may persist throughout the time change.

Here's what science has to say about the twice-yearly ritual affecting nearly 2 billion people worldwide.

■ **Sleep effects.** Time changes mess with sleep schedules, a potential problem when so many people are already sleep-deprived, said Dr. Phyllis Zee, a sleep researcher at Northwestern Medicine in Chicago.

About 1 in 3 U.S. adults sleep less than the recommended seven-plus hours nightly, and more than half of U.S. teens don't get the recommended eight-plus hours on weeknights.

One U.S. study found that in the week following the spring switch to daylight saving time, teens slept about 2½ hours less than the previous week. Many people never catch up during the subsequent six months.

Research suggests that chronic sleep deprivation can increase levels of stress hormones that boost heart rate and blood pressure and of chemicals that trigger inflammation.

■ **Heart problems.** It has also been shown that blood tends to clot more quickly in the morning. These changes underlie evidence that heart attacks are more common in general in the

morning and may explain studies showing that rates increase slightly on Mondays after clocks are moved forward in the spring, when people typically rise an hour earlier than normal.

That increased risk associated with the time change is mainly in people already vulnerable because of existing heart disease, said Barry Franklin, director of preventive cardiology and cardiac rehabilitation at Beaumont Health hospital in Royal Oak, Mich.

Studies suggest that those people return to their baseline risk after the autumn time change.

■ **Car crashes.** Numerous studies have linked the start of daylight saving time in the spring with a brief spike in car accidents and with poor performance on tests of alertness, both likely due to sleep loss.

The research includes a German study published this year that found an increase in traffic fatalities in the week after the start of daylight saving time, but no such increase in the fall.

Other studies on how return-

ing to standard time in the fall might affect car crashes have had conflicting results.

■ **Our internal clocks.** Circadian biologists believe ill health effects from daylight saving time result from a mismatch among the sun "clock," our social clock — work and school schedules — and the body's internal 24-hour body clock.

Ticking away at the molecular level, the biological clock is entrained — or set — by exposure to sunlight and darkness. It regulates bodily functions such as metabolism, blood pressure and hormones that promote sleep and alertness.

Disruptions to the body clock have been linked with obesity, depression, diabetes, heart problems and other conditions. Circadian biologists say those disruptions include tinkering with standard time by moving the clock ahead one hour in the spring.

A mismatch of one hour daily is enough for ill effects, especially if it lasts for several months, according to Till Roenneberg, a

circadian rhythm specialist at Ludwig-Maximilians University in Munich, Germany.

■ **Pressure to change.** In the U.S., daylight saving time runs from the second Sunday in March to the first Sunday in November. It was first established 100 years ago to save energy. Modern-day research has found little or no such cost savings.

Federal law allows states to remain on standard time year-round, but only Hawaii and most of Arizona have chosen to. Proposed legislation in several states would have them join suit.

Roenneberg and Northwestern's Zee are co-authors of a recent position statement advocating returning to standard time for good, written for the Society for Research on Biological Rhythms.

"If we want to improve human health, we should not fight against our body clock, and therefore, we should abandon daylight saving time," the statement says.

NATION

Mueller docs: Manafort pushed Ukraine theory

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — During the 2016 presidential campaign, Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort pushed the idea that Ukraine, not Russia, was behind the hack of the Democratic National Committee servers, Manafort's deputy told investigators during the special counsel's Russia probe.

The unsubstantiated theory, advanced by President Donald Trump even after he took office, would later help trigger the impeachment inquiry now consuming the White House.

Notes from an FBI interview were released Saturday after lawsuits by BuzzFeed News and CNN led to public access to hundreds of pages of documents from special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation. The documents included summaries of interviews with other figures from the Mueller probe, including Trump's former personal lawyer, Michael Cohen.

Information related to Ukraine took on renewed interest after calls for impeachment based on efforts by the president and his administration to pressure Ukraine to investigate Democrat Joe Biden. Trump, when speaking with Ukraine's new president in July, asked about the DNC servers in the same phone call in which he pushed for an investigation into Biden.

Manafort speculated about Ukraine's responsibility as the campaign sought to capitalize on DNC email disclosures and as Trump associates discussed how they could get hold of the materials themselves, deputy campaign chairman Rick Gates told investigators, according to a summary of one of his interviews.

Gates said Manafort's assertion that Ukraine might have done it echoed the position of Konstantin Kilimnik, a Manafort business associate who also speculat-



SETH WENIG/AP

President Donald Trump's 2016 campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, center, arrives at a New York court in June to be arraigned on mortgage fraud charges. Newly released documents show Manafort promoted a conspiracy theory that Ukraine, not Russia, hacked Democrats' computer servers in 2016.

ed that the hack could have been carried out by Russian operatives in Ukraine. U.S. authorities have assessed that Kilimnik, who was also charged in Mueller's investigation, has ties to Russian intelligence.

American intelligence agencies have determined that Russia was behind the hack, and Mueller's team indicted 12 Russian agents in connection with the intrusion.

Gates also said the campaign believed that Michael Flynn, who later became Trump's first national security adviser, would be in the best position to obtain Hillary Clinton's missing emails because of his Russia connections. Flynn said he could use his intelligence sources to obtain the emails and was "adamant that Russians did not carry out the hack" because he believed that the U.S. intelligence community couldn't have figured out the source, according to the agent's notes.

Flynn later pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI about his contacts

with the Russian ambassador.

Mueller's investigation concluded in March with a report that found insufficient evidence to establish a criminal conspiracy between Russia and the Trump campaign to sway the 2016 presidential election. The report also examined multiple episodes in which Trump sought to seize control of the Russia probe but did not conclude one way or the other about whether the president had illegally obstructed justice. Attorney General William Barr ultimately concluded that the president had not committed a crime.

Gates worked with Manafort in a lucrative international political consulting business that included Ukraine and later testified against him. Gates pleaded guilty last year in Mueller's investigation and has been one of the government's key cooperators. He has yet to be sentenced as he continues working with investigators.

Manafort was sentenced to more than seven years in prison, in part for financial crimes arising from his Ukraine work.

During his interviews with investigators, Gates said Donald Trump Jr. would ask where the hacked emails were during family meetings in the summer of 2016. Gates recalled that other key campaign aides, including future Attorney General Jeff Sessions, Trump son-in-law Jared Kushner and Flynn, "expressed interest in obtaining the emails as well," according to an agent's written summary of one interview. The identity of one of the people who expressed interest in the emails is blanked out.

One time on the campaign aircraft, Gates told the FBI, candidate Trump said "get the emails." Gates also said that at another point, Trump told him that more leaks were coming, though the heavily redacted documents do not indicate how Trump knew that.

Gates also described conver-

sations with the chairman of the Republican National Committee, Reince Priebus, who later entered the White House as the first chief of staff. Gates described the RNC as energized by the emails and said that though Trump and Kushner were initially skeptical about cooperating with the RNC, "the WikiLeaks issue was a turning point," the FBI notes show.

WikiLeaks was the website that published the stolen emails in the weeks before the election.

The campaign was also very pleased by the releases, though Trump was advised not to react to it but rather to let it all play out, according to the interview summaries.

The RNC would put out press releases to amplify the emails' release, Gates told the FBI.

"The RNC also indicated they knew the timing of the upcoming releases," though Gates didn't specify who at the RNC had that information.

Manafort, meanwhile, was trying to advise the Trump campaign even after severing formal ties, causing alarm among some of the candidate's most senior advisers.

Manafort emailed Kushner, on Nov. 5, 2016, just days before the election, saying he was feeling good about the prospect of a Trump presidency. In the email, Manafort said he was "focusing on preserving the victory" and that he had sent a memo to Priebus and had briefed Gates and Fox News host Sean Hannity, a close Trump ally.

Kushner sent Manafort's email to Trump adviser Steve Bannon, who replied, "We need to avoid this guy like the plague."

"They are going to try and say the Russians worked with WikiLeaks to give this victory to us," Bannon wrote to Kushner and David Bossie, another Trump associate, in his reply. "Paul is a nice guy but can't let word get out he is advising us."

Lawyer says whistleblower will take written questions

By HOPE YEN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A lawyer for the whistleblower who raised alarms about President Donald Trump's dealings with Ukraine said Sunday his client is willing to answer written questions submitted by House Republicans.

The surprise offer, made to Rep. Devin Nunes, the top Republican on the House Intelligence Committee, would allow Republicans to ask questions of the whistleblower, who spurred the Democratic-led impeachment inquiry, without having to go through the committee's chairman, Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif.

Attorney Mark Zaid tweeted that the whistleblower would answer questions directly from Republican members "in writing, under oath & penalty of perjury,"

part of a bid to stem efforts by Trump and his GOP allies to unmask the person's identity. Only queries seeking the person's identity won't be answered, he said.

"Being a whistleblower is not a partisan job nor is impeachment an objective. That is not our role," Zaid tweeted. "So we have offered to @DevinNunes.

"We will ensure timely answers," he said.

Nunes' office did not have immediate comment.

The offer comes as Trump has repeatedly demanded the release of the whistleblower's identity, tweeting Sunday that the person "must come forward."

The whistleblower raised concerns about Trump's July 25 call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in which he pressed Zelenskyy to investigate Trump's political rivals. That call

became the catalyst for the impeachment inquiry.

"Reveal the Whistleblower and end the Impeachment Hoax!" Trump wrote.

House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., said Sunday that he had not yet discussed the whistleblower's offer with Nunes, but he stressed that the person should answer questions in a public appearance before the committee.

"When you're talking about the removal of the president of the United States, undoing democracy, undoing what the American public had voted for, I think that individual should come before the committee," McCarthy told CBS' "Face the Nation."

"We need an openness that people understand this," he added.

Republicans view a political opportunity in unmasking

the CIA official, who the intelligence community's inspector general said had been "arguably biased." The inspector general, nevertheless, found the whistleblower's complaint to be "credible."

Zaid said his team had addressed the issue of alleged bias with Republican members of the committee and had stressed the need for anonymity to maintain the safety of the whistleblower and that person's family, "but with little effect in halting the attacks."

"Let me be absolutely clear: Our willingness to cooperate has not changed," tweeted Andrew P. Bakaj, another attorney representing the whistleblower. "What we object to and find offensive, however, is the effort to uncover the identity of the whistleblower."

Bakaj wrote on Saturday that "their fixation on exposing the whistleblower's identity is simply because we're at a loss as to how to address the investigations the underlying disclosure prompted."

The whistleblower's second-hand account of the call has been providing a road map for House Democrats investigating whether the president and others in his orbit pressured Ukraine to probe political opponents, including former Vice President Joe Biden.

U.S. whistleblower laws exist to protect the identity and careers of people who bring forward accusations of wrongdoing by government officials. Lawmakers in both parties have historically backed those protections.

The Associated Press typically does not reveal the identity of whistleblowers.

NATION

Smugglers came, sawed and conquered wall

Mexican gangs cut through new sections of US border structure

By NICK MIROFF
The Washington Post

SAN DIEGO — Smuggling gangs in Mexico have repeatedly sawed through new sections of President Donald Trump's border wall in recent months by using commercially available power tools, opening gaps large enough for people and drug loads to pass through, according to U.S. agents and officials with knowledge of the damage.

The breaches have been made using a popular cordless household tool known as a reciprocating saw that retails at hardware stores for as little as \$100. When fitted with specialized blades, the saws can slice through one of the barrier's steel and concrete bollards in a matter of minutes, according to the agents, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

After cutting through the base of a single bollard, smugglers can push the steel out of the way, allowing an adult to fit through the gap. Because the bollards are so tall — and are attached only to a panel at the very top — their length makes them easier to push aside once they have been cut and are left dangling, according to engineers consulted by The Washington Post.

The taxpayer-funded barrier — so far coming with a \$10 billion price tag — was a central theme of Trump's 2016 campaign, and he has made the project a physical symbol of his presidency, touting its construction progress in speeches, ads and tweets. Trump has increasingly boasted to crowds in recent weeks about the superlative properties of the barrier, calling it "virtually impenetrable" and likening the structure to a "Rolls-Royce" that border-crossers cannot get over, under or through.

The smuggling crews have been using other techniques, such as building makeshift ladders to scale the barriers, especially in the popular smuggling areas in

and around San Diego, according to nearly a dozen U.S. agents and current and former administration officials.

Mexican criminal organizations, which generate billions of dollars in smuggling profits, have enormous incentive to adapt their operations at the border to new obstacles and enforcement methods, officials say.

The U.S. government has not disclosed the cutting incidents and breaches, and it is unclear how many times they have occurred.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection declined to provide information about the number of breaches, the location of the incidents and the process for repairing them. Matt Leas, a spokesman for the agency, declined to comment, and CBP has not yet fulfilled a Freedom of Information Act request seeking data about the breaches and repairs. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which oversees the private contractors building the barrier, referred inquiries to CBP.

One senior administration official, who was not authorized to discuss the breaches but spoke on the condition of anonymity, said they amounted to "a few instances" and that the new barrier fencing had "significantly increased security and deterrence" along sections of the border in CBP's San Diego and El Centro sectors in California.

Current and former CBP officials confirmed that there have been cutting breaches, but they said the new bollard system remains far superior and more formidable than any previous barrier design.

Some of the damage has happened in areas where construction crews have yet to complete the installation of electronic sensors that, once operational, will more quickly detect the vibrations sawing produces on the bollards, the officials said. They also said one of the main advantages of



PHOTOS BY CAROLYN VAN HOUTEN/The Washington Post

Workers install panels of steel bollard fencing along the U.S.-Mexico border. Smugglers from Mexico have used saws to cut through portions of the wall.

"The bollards are not the most evolved design; they are the most evolved that we could pay for. We never said they would be an end-all, be-all."

Ronald Vitiello
former U.S. Border Patrol chief

the steel bollard system — which stands between 18 and 30 feet tall — is that damaged panels can be easily repaired or replaced.

Ronald Vitiello, the former U.S. Border Patrol chief who was acting director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement until his removal in April, characterized the breaches as "poking and prodding" by cartel smuggling crews.

"The cartels will continue to innovate, and they're not just going to leave San Diego because the wall gets better," Vitiello said. "That's life on the border."

Vitiello, who helped oversee the development of barrier prototypes in 2017, said the administration could have added better deterrent features if Democrats in Congress had provided more funding.

"The bollards are not the most evolved design; they are the most evolved that we could pay for," Vitiello said. "We never said they would be an end-all, be-all."

In the San Diego area, smugglers have figured out how to cut the bollards and return them to their original positions, disguising the breaches in the hope that they will go unnoticed and can be reused for repeated passage. Agents said they have learned to

drive along the base of the structure looking for subtle defects, testing the metal by kicking the bollards with their boots.

If damage is detected, welding crews are promptly sent to make fixes. The smugglers, however, have returned to the same bollards and cut through the welds, agents say, because the metal is softer and the concrete at the core of the bollard already has been compromised. The smugglers also have tried to trick agents by applying a type of putty with a color and texture that resembles a weld, making a severed bollard appear intact.

Agents in California and Texas said smuggling teams have also been using improvised ladders to go up and over the barriers, despite the risk of injury or death from falling. The tallest barriers are approximately the height of a three-story building. Some of the teams deploy lightweight ladders made from metal rebar, using them to get past the "anti-climb panels" that span the top of the barrier. Once the lead climber reaches the top, agents say, they use hooks to hang rope ladders down the other side.

The rebar ladders are popular because the metal support rods are inexpensive and are skinny

enough to pass through the 4-inch-wide gaps between the bollards, making it possible for the smuggling teams to use them to scale the secondary row of fencing, according to agents.

Trump initially wanted to build a concrete wall along the length of the border but was talked out of it by Homeland Security officials who said the bollard system is a superior design because it allows agents to see through to the other side.

"Frankly, an all-concrete wall would have been a much less expensive wall to build," Trump said in September.

CBP officials also have consistently said that no single structure can seal the border on its own. Rather, they have advocated for a "border wall system" that combines physical barriers, surveillance technology and the rapid deployment of agents to interdict border-crossers and attempted breaches.

"There's no one silver bullet, and we've done our best to try to explain that," said Chris Harris, a retired Border Patrol agent in San Diego. "You're always going to have to have boots on the ground. That's why there are armed police officers at Fort Knox."

Smugglers with reciprocating saws were able to cut through previous versions of the barrier in far less time, agents note, and the new bollard design makes the smugglers' work significantly more difficult. Other Homeland Security officials note that the narrow gap created by a cut bollard permits only one person to pass through at a time, making it more difficult for large groups of migrants or smugglers to pass.



Sections of fencing are stacked between the border barriers that separate the United States and Mexico in the San Diego area.

NATION

Coal plant closure will upend lives in West

By FELICIA FONSECA
Associated Press

ALONG THE BLACK MESA AND LAKE POWELL RAILROAD, Ariz. — One of the largest coal-fired power plants in the American West will close before the year ends and others in the region are on track to shut down or reduce their output in the next few years.

Owners of the Navajo Generating Station near the Arizona-Utah border are turning to cheaper power produced by natural gas as they and other coal-fired plants in the U.S. face growing pressure over contributing to climate change.

Those shifts are upending people's livelihoods, including those of hundreds of mostly Native American workers in northeastern Arizona who mined the coal, loaded it from a roadside silo and helped produce the electricity.

Two tribes each will lose millions of dollars in income while workers are forced into early retirement. Some employees will stay on to restore the land, while others aren't sure what's next.

Ted Candelaria, a fourth-generation railroader who voted for President Donald Trump in hopes he would be coal's saving grace, said the change is bittersweet.

"I got all emotional, started tearing up. It's kind of sad because I love what I do," Candelaria said.

The power plant was built in the late 1960s on land leased from the Navajo Nation, one of two coal-mining Native American tribes that has the largest land base, spanning parts of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah.

The plant was a compromise to keep more hydroelectric dams from being built through the Grand Canyon and to power a series of canals that deliver water to Arizona's major cities. At the time, the U.S. was facing a natural gas shortage and utilities turned to coal to feed the electric grid.

Now, utilities increasingly are shifting to renewable energy, setting standards to wean themselves from coal, an industry Trump has tried to prop up.

One unit of the Navajo Generating Station shut down in September. Decommissioning the other two is expected to take two



PHOTOS BY FELICIA FONSECA/AP

Train operator Ron Little prepares for one of the last trips to pick up coal from the Kayenta Mine to fuel the Navajo Generating Station near Page, Ariz., on Aug. 20.

years.

Coal reserves are vast beneath land belonging to the Navajo Nation and neighboring Hopi Tribe. The Navajo Generating Station has burned 24,000 tons of coal a day for nearly 50 years, and the Navajo Nation estimates it still has a 100-year supply.

"It's disappointing to us," said Randy Lehn, acting general manager of Peabody Energy's now-closed Kayenta Mine, which served the power plant. "We tried harder than anyone else to try to keep this thing going."

The tribes are hard-pressed to come up with a way to make up for the losses.

The Hopi Tribe is losing \$14 million a year in coal revenue, or 82% of its general budget. The tribe plans to cut government services where it can.

Tribal members who gathered

coal from the mine to heat their homes or used it for ceremonial fires will have to look elsewhere, a concern for thousands of Navajos.

The "religious are finally realizing: 'What are we going to do for heating? How are we going to survive from here on out?'" Hopi Vice Chairman Clark Tenakhongva said.

Economic development is difficult for the Hopi Tribe, which is landlocked by the much-larger Navajo Nation and doesn't get as much tourist traffic.

U.S. Rep. Tom O'Halleran, an Arizona Democrat who represents both tribes, recently introduced legislation that would temporarily help replace lost coal revenue and create training programs for displaced workers.

Navajo President Jonathan Nez said the tribe will lose between

\$40 million and \$50 million annually from coal revenue and lease payments — money being replaced temporarily with interest from a trust fund it developed in 1985 to replenish lost revenue from coal, timber, gas and oil.

The interest is enough to cover the losses each year, but the tribe would have to consider approving that method in budget talks going forward.

Mine and power plant workers with nowhere to go are being encouraged to start their own businesses and bid on tribal projects, Nez said. Tourism, solar plants, a call center and manufacturing facilities could help make up lost revenue, tribal officials said, but no single venture will replace the money coal brought in.

Gerald Clitsio, sitting in the control booth of a coal silo above the railway recently, is not convinced

he would have as lucrative a job opportunity elsewhere.

"Our leadership, they just don't have the vision, the foresight to see into the future to see what can sustain our economic conditions here on the Navajo reservation," he said. "With the plant going down and the coal mine going down, we'll end up going back to the days of using Coleman lanterns."

The power plant is not far from popular tourist attractions like Antelope Canyon, Lake Powell and Horseshoe Bend, where the bluish-green water of the Colorado River takes a 270-degree turn.

Lyle Dimbatt, a former mayor who is not Native American, said the region still will benefit from tourism but that the economy will take a hit from losing the power plant and mine.

He still has one child in school and isn't ready to leave his job as the nighttime train supervisor.

"If I'm honest with you, I'm not happy about it, but can't do nothing about it," Dimbatt said, shrugging. "I'm just glad I'm not walking out of the door with nothing because some of them are."

More than half of the workers at the Kayenta Mine qualified for retirement, said Lehn, the general manager. A few will stay for cleanup work. The others are out of jobs.

Phoenix-based Salt River Project, majority owner and operator of the power plant, offered transfers to employees at sites off the reservation.



Peabody Energy silo operator Gerald Clitsio talks with coworkers, on Aug. 20 after loading coal into a train bound for the Navajo Generating Station.



The coal-fired Navajo Generating Station, which will close by the end of the year, is shown on Aug. 19.

WORLD

ASEAN summit held; Trump absent

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NONTHABURI, Thailand — Leaders from fast-growing Southeast Asian economies, China, Japan and other regional powers are aiming for a breakthrough on a free trade deal and an outline for handling territorial tensions at an annual summit that opened near Bangkok on Sunday.

Thai Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha addressed the gathering of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations by saying the group intends to reach a basic agreement on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, or RCEP, a 16-member trade bloc encompassing nearly a third of all global trade.

Prayuth said the aim was to have a final deal by next year.

ASEAN also hopes to set a code of conduct with China regarding disputed waters in the South China Sea, he said.

President Donald Trump skipped the ASEAN summit and related meetings this year, opting to send his national security adviser, Robert O'Brien instead. Last year, Trump sent Vice President Mike Pence. This year both Trump and Pence are busy campaigning at home.

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang told other leaders attending that Beijing was committed to 10-nation ASEAN's central role in the



Chan-ocha

region. "Given the complexity in the international and regional situation, our cooperation is built on a stable structure and moving forward in a positive fashion," Li said. "This is beneficial to the region and all parties involved."

"We support stability in the region and by doing so we have been able to cope with the instability elsewhere in the world," Li said.

On the long-troublesome issue of the South China Sea, Li welcomed progress in efforts by China and ASEAN to negotiate a regional "code of conduct," which aims to tame aggressive actions that could set off armed confrontations in one of the world's most disputed regions.

After being accused of delaying the start of talks for years while building artificial islands with

military outposts on contested reefs, China agreed to commence negotiations and both sides announced that the first of three expected rounds was concluded in July.

Li called that progress "a very important landmark" for regional stability. He said China is committed to making headway in the negotiations with ASEAN members, four of whom — Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines and Vietnam — are locked in territorial disputes.

On the issue of trade, ASEAN officials plan to present to the leaders a report on RCEP negotiations. A draft of that report seen by The Associated Press says talks should be finalized by February 2020 and endorsed by leaders of member countries at next year's summit, which is due to take place in Vietnam.

Hundreds demonstrate against UAE in Yemen

SANAA, Yemen — Hundreds are protesting in Yemen's remote island of Socatra in the Gulf of Aden near Somalia, demanding the United Arab Emirates withdraw from the island and from the Saudi-led coalition fighting the Houthi rebels.

Footage circulated on social media showing crowds waving Yemeni flags and chanting anti-Emirati slogans.

Yemeni security officials said Sunday's protests erupted in response to a sit-in staged by separatists loyal to the UAE at Socatra government headquarters. They spoke on condition of anonymity under regulations.

Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates' coalition has battled the Houthis since 2015 to restore the internationally recognized government of Yemeni President Abed Rabbu Mansour Hadi.

The anti-Houthi coalition has fractured over the past months as violent eruptions in Yemen's south between the U.N.-recognized government and the UAE-backed separatists.

German swingers' club evacuated after alarm

BERLIN — Authorities said a swingers' club in western Germany had to be evacuated mid-party after a carbon monoxide alarm went off and several guests reported feeling unwell.

Firefighters in the town of Hattingen, between Dortmund and Duesseldorf in North Rhine-Westphalia, told the dpa news agency Sunday that about 300 swingers were taken to safety after the alarm went off late Saturday night.

The swingers, many clad just in bathrobes as they left the club, were taken on buses to be examined by first-aid workers. About 10 complained of feeling unwell and needed treatment.

The fire department said no dangerous levels of carbon monoxide were detected once they had arrived. In all, about 160 emergency workers were involved.

UN workers launch strike in Jordan

AMMAN, Jordan — Thousands of workers with the U.N. agency for Palestinian refugees have launched an open-ended strike in Jordan.

UNRWA spokesman Amjad Obeid said the agency's more than 6,000 workers began the strike on Sunday, paralyzing its schools, health care and garbage-collection services in refugee camps. He said the closures were canceled for some 120,000 residents.

The U.N. Relief and Works Agency, known as UNRWA, is dealing with a budget crunch after an unprecedented loss of all funding from the United States, its largest donor.

Obeid said that workers are demanding raises of about \$140 a month. He said the Jordanian government is trying to broker a settlement.

From The Associated Press



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Performers participate in the Day of the Dead parade in Mexico City on Saturday.

Day of the Dead celebrations end with parade

By PETER ORSI
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Dancers in indigenous costumes pranced down a broad avenue followed by a float bearing the 20-foot-tall likeness of the goddess Mictecacihuatl, announced as "the queen of the underworld and the guardian of our bones," crowned by a red feather headdress and cradling a skull in her right hand.

Two dozen people clad head-to-toe in mud-colored makeup with animal masks walked stiffly behind, representing the nine levels of Mictlan, or the underworld.

Crowds lined Mexico City's stately Paseo de la Reforma as the capital capped Day of

the Dead celebrations Saturday with a parade along the boulevard and through the historic colonial center to the Zocalo, or main square, where a large altar was set up in recent days.

It was the culmination of more than two weeks of massively attended public activities in the city, from a procession of colorful sculptures known as "alebrijes" to an homage to the widely beloved and recently deceased crooner Jose Jose, as well as private visits to family gravesites and home altars honoring the departed.

"I think it is one of the good things that we should appreciate," said Marco Antonio Cardenas, 58, a lawyer and Mexico City resident whose family puts up an altar each year.

"With all the problematic things there are at a



national and international level, I think these kinds of events that make a positive contribution and in a way represent us as a people in our culture, I think it's very good."

According to the Department of Culture, the parade comprised more than 2,500 performers in "artistic projects," allegorical floats and dance groups, and planners were expecting crowds of up to 2 million.

Dancers shook leg rattles and women in white skirts and lavender coats twirled and sashayed up the street, the paint on their faces smeared and runny from the rain. Six people in skullface waved from a float topped by a replica of a "trajinera," the traditional boats that ply the canals of the southern neighborhood of Xochimilco.

WORLD

Saudis formally start an IPO of oil giant Aramco

By JON GAMBRELL
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Associated Press

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia — Saudi Arabia formally began an initial public offering Sunday of a sliver of oil giant Saudi Aramco after years of delay, hoping international and local investors will pay billions of dollars for a stake in the kingdom's crown jewels.

An approval by Saudi Arabia's Capital Market Authority served as the starting gun for an IPO promised by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman since 2016. Unlike with traditional IPOs, Saudi Aramco offered no hoped-for price range for its shares or any idea how much of the firm would be offered to investors on Riyadh's Tadawul stock exchange.

Analysts say the kingdom likely hopes local investors will push its share prices toward a desired \$2 trillion valuation and buoy that price ahead of any possible further listing abroad. Saudi Aramco also made a point in its filings to highlight its profitability and low costs through newly released data once held as a state secret by the Al Saud royal family, euphemistically referred to by the company as its "current shareholders."

However, economic worries, the trade war between China and the U.S. and increased crude oil production by the U.S. has depressed energy prices. A Sept. 14 attack on the heart of Saudi

Aramco already spooked some investors, with one ratings company downgrading the oil giant.

"We want to share the Aramco shares with the citizens of Saudi Arabia," said Yasir al-Rumayyan, the governor of Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund. "We want to get financial investors from all over the world."

It's hard to overstate the power of the oil firm, known formally as the Saudi Arabian Oil Co. It produces over 10 million barrels of crude oil a day, some 10% of global demand. The firm's net income in 2018 was \$111.1 billion, far beyond the combined net income of oil giants BP PLC, Chevron Corp., Exxon Mobil Corp., Royal Dutch Shell PLC and Total SA.

Saudi Arabia's oil sits close to the surface in large pools, making it far cheaper to extract. Saudi Aramco also has proven liquid reserves of 226.8 billion barrels, the largest of any company in the world and "approximately five times larger" than those held by the five oil giants, according to the firm's IPO documents.

That's led to a clamoring from investors for Saudi Aramco stock since Prince Mohammed announced plans in 2016 for a two-phase IPO of 5% of the firm in the kingdom and abroad. The prince hopes to raise some \$100 billion from investors, which will be funneled into the kingdom's Public Investment Fund for projects to boost employment and major development projects.



DITA ALANKARA/AP

A riot police officer fires pepper spray toward people at a shopping mall in Hong Kong on Sunday.

Riot police storm Hong Kong malls to thwart more protests

By EILEEN NG
Associated Press

HONG KONG — Riot police stormed several malls in Hong Kong on Sunday in a move to thwart more pro-democracy protests as the city's leader heads to Beijing for talks on deepening economic integration between the semiautonomous Chinese territory and mainland China.

There were calls online urging protesters to gather in seven locations to sustain a push for political reform following a chaotic day of protests and clashes with police Saturday, with the anti-government movement showing no signs of letting up after nearly five months.

Most of the rallies didn't pan out Sunday as scores of riot police took positions, searching and ar-

resting people, dispersing crowds and blocking access to a park next to the office of the city's embattled leader, Carrie Lam.

Still, small pockets of hard-core demonstrators managed to cause some trouble.

As some protesters chanted slogans at the New Town Plaza shopping mall in Sha Tin, police said they moved in after some "masked rioters" with fire extinguishers vandalized turnstiles and smashed windows at the subway station linked to the mall.

In two malls in the New Territories in the north, protesters vandalized shops, threw paint and attacked an outlet of Japanese fast-food chain Yoshinoya, which has been frequently targeted after its owner voiced support for the Hong Kong police.

Police rushed into one of the malls after objects were thrown at them. At another, protesters used umbrellas and cable ties to lock the mall entrance to prevent police from entering.

Later Sunday, police stormed the Cityplaza shopping complex on Hong Kong Island after some protesters sprayed graffiti at a restaurant. A human chain of dozens of people was broken up, and angry shoppers heckled the police.

The protests began in early June over a now-shelved plan to allow extraditions to mainland China but have since swelled into a movement seeking other demands, including direct elections for Hong Kong's leaders and an independent inquiry into police conduct.



HADI MIZBAN/AP

Protesters stand on the Jomhouriya Bridge that leads to the Green Zone government area during ongoing anti-government protests in Baghdad on Sunday.

Iraqis block roads in support of anti-government protests

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA
Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraqi protesters blocked roads in Baghdad on Sunday to raise pressure on the government to resign after more than a week of renewed mass demonstrations.

Protesters blocked one road with burning tires and barbed wire and held up a banner reading, "Roads closed by order of the people." They appeared to be borrowing a tactic from Lebanon, where similar anti-government demonstrations have been underway since Oct. 17 and where protesters have repeatedly blocked major roads.

Tens of thousands of protesters have gathered in Baghdad's central Tahrir Square and across southern Iraq in recent days, calling for the overhaul of the political system established after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion. Protesters have also taken over a large tower in the square that was abandoned after it was damaged in the war.

Thousands of students have skipped classes to take part in the protests, blam-

ing the political elite for widespread corruption, high unemployment and poor public services.

Security forces have fired tear gas, rubber bullets and live ammunition at the protesters, killing more than 250 in two waves of demonstrations since early October. Since the protests restarted on Oct. 25 after a brief hiatus, there have been near-continuous clashes on two bridges leading to the heavily fortified Green Zone, the headquarters of the government and home to several foreign embassies.

The Iraqi High Commission for Human Rights said Siba al-Mahdawi, an activist and physician who has taken part in the protests, was abducted on Saturday night by an unknown group. The semiofficial body called on the government and the security forces to reveal her whereabouts. Al-Mahdawi was one of several doctors who have volunteered to provide medical aid to the protesters.

Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi met with top security officials late Saturday, stressing the need to preserve peace, security and the safety of the protesters.

Last week, President Barham Salih said Abdul-Mahdi is willing to resign once political leaders agree on a replacement. He also called for a new election law and said he would approve early elections once it is enacted, but that process could take weeks or even months. The protests have only grown since his announcement.

On Sunday, a 24-year-old veterinary student attended the demonstrations in Baghdad carrying a cat with a sign around its neck reading, "I am coming to demand my rights." The student, who did not give her name for fear of repercussions, joked that she was willing to treat the country's politicians for free.

Iraq is governed by a sectarian political system that distributes power and high offices among the Shiite majority, Sunnis and Kurds. It holds regular elections, but they are dominated by sectarian religious parties, many of which have close ties to Iran. The political partiesicker over ministries and then hand out jobs to their supporters, contributing to a bloated public sector that is unable to provide reliable public services.

SCIENCE

Supply ship launches with car parts, baking oven

By MARCIA DUNN
Associated Press

A supply ship rocketed toward the International Space Station on Saturday with sports car parts, an oven for baking cookies and a vest to protect against radiation.

Northrop Grumman launched its Cygnus capsule for NASA from Wallops Island, Va. The 8,200-pound shipment should reach the orbiting lab Monday.

"Good launch all the way around," a ground controller observed.

The space station's astronauts will test the oven by baking chocolate chip cookies from scratch and try out the new safety vest to gauge its comfort. Both experiments are seen as precursors to moon and Mars journeys.

Other newly arriving equipment will be used in a series of NASA spacewalks later this month to fix a key particle physics detector. Parked outside the space station since 2011, the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer needs new cooling pumps to continue its search for elusive dark matter and antimatter.

Italy's Lamborghini is also along for the ride. It's sending up samples of carbon fiber used in its sports cars for six months of direct space exposure. Researchers are considering the materials for medical implants.

Like space, the insides of a person's body are an extreme environment, said Houston Methodist's Alessandro Grattoni, who is collaborating with Lamborghini on the experiment. As a nanomedicine specialist, he said Friday he's continuously on the lookout for new materials for devices that are inserted beneath the skin. These minuscule implants release therapeutic drugs to treat cancer, hormone deficiencies and other illnesses.

Northrop Grumman is now controlling two Cygnus capsules in orbit, a first for the Virginia-based company. Named for the swan constellation, the Cygnus launched last spring is flying free of the 250-mile-high space station after completing its grocery run. It will be directed to a fiery reentry sometime in the near future, taking station trash down with it, according to company officials.

The newest Cygnus is officially called the S.S. Alan Bean after the Apollo 12 astronaut who became the fourth man to walk on the moon 50 years ago this month. He later commanded NASA's first space station, Skylab, and became known for his cosmic-themed paintings. He died last year.

NASA has contracted with Northrop Grumman and SpaceX to keep the space station stocked.

This is Northrop Grumman's 12th successful Cygnus flight since 2013. The company has upgraded both its Cygnus and Antares rockets to haul more cargo from NASA's Wallops Flight Facility on Virginia's Eastern Shore.

The space station is currently home to three Americans, two Russians and one Italian.



BILL INGALLS, NASA/AP

The moon is visible above the Northrop Grumman Antares rocket at launch Pad-0A Friday at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility in Wallops Island, Va.



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The rocket lifts off the launch pad Saturday carrying a Cygnus capsule with supplies to the International Space Station.



The rocket leaves a contrail after liftoff.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

No citation for woman who put bobcat by child

CO DENVER — A Colorado Springs woman who put an injured bobcat in her car, inches from where her child was in a safety seat, will not be cited. KCNC-TV in Denver reported Colorado Parks and Wildlife decided not to cite the woman, who spotted the injured adult male cat while driving, wrapped it in a blanket and put it in the back of her SUV in September. A boy, about 3 years old, was in the back seat.

District Wildlife Manager Sarah Watson used a trapping device to remove the 20-pound cat, which was later euthanized due to its injuries.

Weeklong peanut festival is underway

AL DOTHAN — An event that bills itself as the world's largest celebration of the peanut is under way in Alabama. The National Peanut Festival opened Friday in Dothan and continues through next Saturday with rides, exhibits, music and agricultural competitions.

Now in its 76th year, the festival began in 1938 as a three-day event with an appearance by agricultural scientist George Washington Carver, of Tuskegee. It has been held each year since except during the 1940s, when organizers took a break for World War II.

The festival draws an estimated 200,000 people annually.

State pays woman allergic to smells

MO ST. LOUIS — The state of Missouri has paid at least \$76,000 to a former social worker who said her supervisors ignored her allergic reactions to perfume, air fresheners and cleaning products.

A report released by Attorney General Eric Schmitt on Friday shows two payouts to Gwendolyn Hill, a department of Social Services employee for 26 years.

Court documents show Hill developed allergylike reactions to strong-smelling products. In 2009, she wasn't able to return to work and the state ended her employment. The state argued that Hill didn't seek a 100% fragrance-free workplace between 2006 and when she left the job.

The state has paid millions of dollars in cases related to managers not addressing workplace concerns. Schmitt's report projects the contested legal cases could cost taxpayers \$483 million.

Speared sea turtle released after rescue

FL KEY WEST — A federally protected giant sea turtle was released in the Florida Keys after recovering from a spear shot into its neck.

The 150-pound female, dubbed Splinter, returned to the Atlantic Ocean on Friday at Higgs Beach in Key West.

The turtle was rescued off Key Largo on Sept. 7 after being entangled in a commercial fishing



WILFREDO LEE/AP

Celebration afoot

Alberto Reyes performs a traditional cleansing and purification ceremony during the Florida Day of the Dead celebration Saturday in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The celebration featured traditional music and dancing and a skeleton processional of giant puppets.

trapline. The reptile was transported to the Middle Keys-based Turtle Hospital in Marathon, where a veterinarian removed the 3-foot-long spear.

Man faces trial for taking grizzly claws

MT MISSOULA — A Washington state man faces a federal trial next year for taking the claws from a grizzly bear he said he shot in self-defense.

The U.S. Attorney's Office said Bryan Berg, 35, of Spokane, Wash., was charged with two misdemeanor violations of the Lacey Act, taking the claws and not reporting the shooting, which occurred sometime between September 2017 and March 2018.

He pleaded not guilty to both counts Thursday before U.S. Magistrate Kathleen DeSoto in Missoula.

Frostbitten man's legs are amputated

CO COLORADO SPRINGS — A man had his legs amputated below the knee after suffering frostbite while climbing a mountain.

KDVR-TV reported that Colorado Springs resident Nick Noland mistakenly went off the main trail while descending the 14,232-foot peak.

Noland said he reached the

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\$4.5M

of the North." The property is known for a federal immigration quarantine center that operated in 1907-37. Gordon said he plans to turn the island, designated a local historic district in 2015, into a venue for hospitality events.

summit of Mount Shavano near Salida on Tuesday and didn't make it back down until Wednesday after his feet went numb and became frozen. Authorities said search teams were deployed but they could not find him.

Noland said he called 911 and was taken to the Denver area for treatment before having his legs amputated at UC Health University of Colorado Hospital in Aurora due to severe frostbite.

Police obtain Alexa recordings in killing

FL HALLANDALE BEACH — Police in South Florida think there may have been a witness to a homicide and are trying to get "her" to talk.

Hallandale Beach officials said the Amazon Echo or a similar device was in a home where a woman was slain in July.

The Sun Sentinel reported that the device, nicknamed Alexa after its wake word, might have

The amount that half of House Island, Maine, was sold for. The Portland Press Herald reported that Portland entrepreneur Noah Gordon bought 12 acres on the historic island, known as the "Ellis Island

heard and recorded more than a shopping order in the house of Silvia Galva and her boyfriend, Adam Reeceard Crespo. Galva died with a spear through her chest.

Crespo told police it happened inadvertently. He was charged with first-degree murder and is out on \$65,000 bond.

Company removes clocks, avoids change

MN MAPLEWOOD — While most everyone wishes they could turn back time, one of the largest corporations in the country is sick of it.

Minnesota-based 3M is taking advantage of the end of daylight saving time and removing about 1,000 wall clocks at its 400-acre Maplewood campus.

For decades, nearly two dozen people worked in 12-hour shifts for two weekends a year to adjust the time and put in new batteries.

Plant engineering supervisor Tom Berg told Minnesota Public

Radio the cost of the time changes averaged about \$35,000 a year.

Woman gets 6 years for burning guest

IN MUNCIE — A central Indiana woman who pleaded guilty to dosing a house guest with a pan of hot grease has been sentenced to six years in prison.

Mykael Dauna Holloway, 24, of Muncie, was sentenced Thursday in the July 2017 attack that left another woman with severe burns. The victim told investigators that Holloway threw the grease on her after accusing her of stealing deodorant.

The Star Press reported that Holloway pleaded guilty to aggravated battery and possession of cocaine.

DNR: State-record chain pickerel caught

WV SOUTH CHARLESTON — West Virginia regulators said a state-record chain pickerel was caught in Preston County.

The Division of Natural Resources said Matt Born, of Reedsville, used an in-line spinner to catch the fish Oct. 13 at Upper Deckers Lake.

The fish measured a record 27.87 inches.

From wire reports

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By JAKE COYLE
Associated Press

British actress Cynthia Erivo is relatively small in stature. In person, she is earnest and genial. In performance, she can appear achingly vulnerable. And if you're not paying attention, she will bowl you over.

Even if you are, she probably will, anyway.

Erivo's inner and outer strength can be stealthy but overwhelming. It was her Tony-winning transformation as Celie in "The Color Purple" on Broadway that brought her to the attention of American audiences. Ever since, the explosiveness of Erivo's voice — an earthy yet heaven-sent soprano that aches with perseverance and grace — has been causing jaws to drop.

Now, after glimpses of her on-screen power last year in Drew Goddard's "Bad Times at the El Royale" and Steve McQueen's "Widows," Erivo gives her first leading performance in the Harriet Tubman film "Harriet." In the diminutive abolitionist she immediately recognized something of herself.

"She was a small woman who was underestimated completely. She should not have been able to do what she did. She suffered from narcolepsy and epileptic fits. Nobody thought she was as strong as she is," Erivo said. "As a 5-foot-1 woman wandering about the Earth in my skin color, people do that a lot. I have a physical ability that people don't see on the outside but when people do see, it's different."

Kasi Lemmons' "Harriet," which opened in theaters Nov. 1, is the first feature film centered on the Underground Railroad conductor. It's a role that brings a new spotlight to Erivo, a fast-rising star whose soaring voice and classical poise has already earned her, along with the Tony, a Grammy and an Emmy. At 32, she's already within EGOT striking distance.

"Harriet," and her performance as Tubman, wasn't about her, Erivo said. It was also about Tubman, she said, and "Cynthia getting out of the way."

"There were definitely days that I know it wasn't just me," she said. "It felt like she was there."

For many accustomed to the more sanitized children's book version of Tubman, "Harriet" is a fresh and authentic portrait of the woman known in her day as "Moses." It focuses on Tubman's initial escape from slavery in Maryland and her subsequent raids that led more than 70 people to freedom. It's a strikingly younger and fiercer Tubman, beginning with her relationship to her husband, John Tubman.

"The one thing I wanted to make sure of was that people got to see her as a woman," Erivo said. "We got to see her in love. We see her lose that love and we see what that does to her. From that she has to figure out what next. No one realizes that essentially what happened is she went back for her husband and things went south."

Fresh, fierce freedom fighter

Cynthia Erivo on becoming Harriet Tubman



Business Wire

Only recently did a picture of a more youthful Tubman surface, believed to be taken in the 1860s, not the later-in-life images that most know her by. The photograph, put on display at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington this year, helped guide the production.

"I look at her fingers. They're long and lean. She's youthful in it," Erivo said. "And we see her in a different kind of dress. We can be reminded that as a free woman, she dressed like that. She was able to wear fine clothing. And she looked beautiful."

Lemmons, the "Eve's Bayou" filmmaker, used that image as a guide in capturing Tubman's womanhood and strength. Naturally, a lot was riding on the performance of Erivo.

"As soon as we started rolling cameras and I saw her step into this role, any of my anxiety about her ability to portray Harriet instantly melted away," Lemmons said. "I was completely taken with her dedication and commitment and her talent. I mean, she's a star and everyone is about to know this. She's a real movie star."

Still, some backlash greeted the film when its first trailer was released. Such a quintessentially American role, some said, should have gone to an American actress. Erivo, the daughter of Nigerian immigrants to England, was born in London and lives in New York. Erivo responded to the criticism on social media, explaining her passion for the role and the sometimes overlooked commonalities between black people on both sides of the Atlantic.

"At times it's been tough," she said. "But I have an understanding of where it comes from. I do really believe it's a case of people feeling unseen, people feeling like there isn't enough. These stories, they're rare gems and they don't come around as often as they should. Because of that, it stings more."

Erivo will play another American icon, Aretha Franklin, in a Nat Geo series. Music, she said, will continue to play a prominent role for her. (She recorded a rousing song for "Harriet.") Erivo describes herself as having "a very crazy dream of being a true renaissance woman," equally dedicated to film and music. One informs the other, she said. She figured Tubman to be a slightly deeper register, more of an alto.

"I believe that each person has a tune and a rhythm, the way we speak, the peaks and troughs that we have in our voices, where we place our pauses, if we stutter a little bit. That is a rhythm," she said.

One possible project looms. Steven Spielberg and Oprah Winfrey are producing a new screen adaptation of "The Color Purple" based on the 2016 Broadway musical Erivo starred in.

"That role changed my life. And I have decided that the role is never going to leave me. It's stuck with me forever," said Erivo, suddenly tearing up. His voice quivers before she steadies it. "So if I get to go back to it, it would change my life again."

Grammys to honor Dr. Dre for trailblazing production work

Associated Press

Dr. Dre, who has produced hits for Eminem, Tupac, Snoop Dogg and more, will be honored by the Recording Academy for his trailblazing production work.

The academy announced Nov. 1 that its Producers & Engineers Wing will pay tribute to the Rock and Roll Hall of Famer on Jan. 28, four days before the Grammys, at Village Studios in Los Angeles.

Dre has won six Grammys, three of them as a producer or engineer. Born in Compton, Calif., he broke out on the music scene as a co-founder of N.W.A., producing some of the group's groundbreaking 1988 debut album, "Straight Outta Compton."

He went on to produce his own hits and multiplatinum albums, along with crafting music for Eminem, Tupac, Snoop Dogg, Kendrick Lamar, 50 Cent, Eve, Jay-Z, Nas, Busta Rhymes, Xzibit, the Game, Anderson .Paak and many more.

He also found success outside of rap, producing Top 10 pop hits for Gwen Stefani, Michelle and Mary J. Blige, helping the R&B queen top the Billboard Hot 100 chart for the first time with "Family Affair."

Dre founded Beats Electronics in 2008 with Jimmy Iovine. Six years later they launched a streaming subscription service, Beats Music. Apple acquired both in a \$3 billion deal in 2014.



Dr. Dre has been successful as an artist, producer and businessman.

Perry's new studio to host Miss Universe pageant

Tyler Perry's new Atlanta studio will host the 2019 Miss Universe competition, a major showcase for the sprawling complex built on a former Confederate army base.

Tyler Perry Studios will host the televised competition in which women from more than 90 countries compete for the crown. The three-hour show, hosted by Steve Harvey for the fifth year, will be broadcast live on Fox on Dec. 8.

The show will end with reigning champion Catriona Gray of the Philippines crowning her successor.

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OPINION

2020 nightmare scenario: An unbreakable tie

By CHARLES LANE
The Washington Post

Not overly concerned about America's political stability? Here's a scenario, conceivable both politically and legally — under existing federal and state statutes and precedents — that might change your mind:

President Donald Trump loses the popular vote in 2020 but wins everywhere he won in 2016, minus Pennsylvania, Michigan and Nebraska's 2nd Congressional District.

A 269-to-269 Electoral College tie looms. The new House of Representatives can break it in January 2021, with 50 state delegations entitled to one vote each and 26 needed to win. Alas, voters picked 25 GOP-majority delegations, 22 Democratic and three split.

Then each party frantically lobbies the 538 presidential electors, hoping one will switch sides before electoral votes are cast on Dec. 14, thus assuring a 270-vote victory without a struggle in the House.

Several electors free present interest, only to run afoul of statutes in 32 states and the District of Columbia that bind them to their pre-election pledges.

Lawyers rush to court to "free the electors," but lower courts reach conflicting conclusions because there is no binding Supreme Court precedent. The justices themselves have no choice but to convene amid the crisis. Trump issues vulgar threats on Twitter. "Pro-democracy" demonstrators occupy Capitol Hill.

Fortunately, the justices have an opportunity right now to spare the country, and themselves, this nightmare.

Two newly filed appeals — *Baca v. Colorado Department of State* and *Chiafalo v. Washington* — present the issue of whether the Constitution allows states to fine, replace and otherwise punish presidential electors who violated pledges to vote for the winner of state popular votes, or whether it made the electors free agents.

If they accept the cases soon, the justices can hold arguments and rule by next July, well in advance of the November election.

It's an age-old question. The framers

The framers of the Constitution touted the Electoral College as an elite independent body, but it quickly evolved into a partisan one, selected according to political loyalty.

of the Constitution touted the Electoral College as an elite independent body, but it quickly evolved into a partisan one, selected according to political loyalty. This long-standing custom has hardened into a popular-vote-winner-take-all norm applying to each state's electoral votes (except in Nebraska and Maine, which allocate some by congressional district).

Still, since 1796, some 167 electors have voted, or attempted to vote, for candidates not backed by the voters of their states; generally Congress has counted their votes, in part because "faithless electors" never changed the outcome.

In 1952, the Supreme Court ruled that states could permit parties to bind their own primary candidates for presidential elector to vote for the party's nominee, but has never resolved the voters' and, crucially, different issue of whether such an obligation could be enforced on the winners in November.

A wonderful thing about this question is that it has no characteristically Republican or Democratic answer — faithless electors can swing either party, and they have.

In 2016, the Democrats who tried to encourage electors' latent independence, in a last-ditch effort to get Trump-pledged electors to back the popular vote winner, Hillary Clinton — or at least a third person, to deny any candidate an electoral-vote majority and throw the contest into the House.

Michael S. Siger, at the time the Democratic mayor of Charlottesville, Va., suggested that the electors "be given the resources and support by relevant state agencies to fully deliberate on the issues

before them. Their meetings should be open under Robert's Rules of Order and be open to citizens and to the media. If they are unable to conclude their deliberations [by the statutory deadline], they should be able to deliberate as long as they reasonably need to make their choice clear."

In the end, two Trump electors and five pledged to Clinton voted for other people — not enough to alter the result.

However, it would have been a different story in a 269-to-269 tie, or a replay of the 171-to-266 cliffhanger in 2000. Perhaps with that in mind, Washington State and Colorado enforced their bans against faithless electors in 2016, and the electors' legal appeals ended in conflicting rulings.

Washington's state supreme court, extrapolating from the 1952 Supreme Court ruling, concluded that the states' constitutional power to "appoint" electors included the power to control their votes, thus, leaving \$1,000 fines on three Clinton-pledged electors who voted for former Secretary of State Colin Powell was perfectly constitutional.

The Denver-based U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit, by contrast, ruled that a Clinton elector in Colorado who tried to vote for John Kasich had every right to do so.

Electors are federal officials, beyond state control, the 10th Circuit opinion noted; and Alexander Hamilton himself once described them as "capable of analyzing the qualities of a good president and 'acting under circumstances favorable to deliberation.'"

The clashing decisions present the Supreme Court with a choice, not between red and blue, but between pragmatism and formalism.

The justices can bless existing state laws, constitutionalizing the rough, but settled, expectations on which those laws rest. Or they can upend laws and expectations, in the name of faithfulness to the framers' intent.

The country can probably adapt to either result if it comes well before November, the only thing the court cannot do is wait.

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Counter-investigation of Mueller probe has merit

By JAY AMBROSE
Tribune News Service

The two-year, multimillion-dollar Robert Mueller investigation to help impeach President Donald Trump was a farce from the beginning, as much a threat to this country's democratic principles as a Russian collusion would have been. Now we're getting exactly what we needed: criminal investigation. Woe is The New York Times.

In an editorial posing as a news story, the newspaper told us this is just President Donald Trump trying to get revenge. Next in line were emotionally wrought talking heads on cable TV repeating the point for want of anything intelligent to say: "make that argument logically, they would have known what the evidence was in any particular case and who was being accused of what. They would also need to explain the fudged leading up to the massively disruptive probe and tell us what solid grounds there were for it in the first place."

The thing is, the special counsel's report found no collusion. Let me say it again. After all the sniffing, digging and interviewing, the irrelevant arrests and destruction of lives, the selection of a partisan gotcha team, the media pile on and the certainty of pompous punditry, there was no demonstration of Trump or his cohorts

corroborating with Russian agents.

If that's all they had at the end, what in the world did they have at the beginning?

Hoovey is one answer. For example, there was an unverified, grotesque dossier that relied on Russians and was used against Trump in a variety of ways. It had its origins with Hillary Clinton campaign money. We had illegal, misleading, official leaks. We had CIA involvement that some say was out of order. We had FBI Director James Comey disregarding the rules of the road in his release of memos. Under the Obama administration, there was spying and criminal research on Trump staffers.

We had a game played on a Trump campaign aide, George Papadopolous, that appears downright treacherous.

A criminal investigation of this and more could add up to proof that the Mueller investigation was an assault on our dearest principles as proud officials, their underlings and leftist politicians said it was their voices, not those of millions of voters, that mattered. To these voters, the Mueller trash had elected trash and it that it was up to the precious few to throw the trash out.

Boldly and correctly, Attorney General William Barr initiated a counter-investigation, naming the highly esteemed, honorable prosecution whiz John Durham to figure out why the Mueller adventure started in the first place. It was

then Durham who decided to reconstitute the probe as a criminal investigation. He can now subpoena evidence and call witnesses before grand juries that could then make the case leading to trials and possible convictions and imprisonment. But if there's terror in Washington, it hasn't slowed down a second charade.

Democrats in the House have been proceeding with an impeachment inquiry as twisted and contrived in appearance as it probably is in reality. What's the real story behind the sideshow theater? Why all the secrecy? And what's with this recent vote that still keeps Republicans in a second-order, controlled role? The supposition now is that Trump had a quid pro quo in asking Ukraine to investigate Joe Biden, namely that the country would not get U.S. aid if it refused. But Ukraine never knew of a delay or investigated Biden, and soon received military aid of a kind President Barack Obama never allowed.

Trump was out of line, but not to the degree of impeachment. Joe Biden's conflicts of interest are actually a much bigger deal. And once again we have unsettling procedures. Congress needs to work on the nation's needs and let the voters have a say in the 2020 election.

Jay Ambrose is an op-ed columnist for Tribune News Service.

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DAVID PAUL MORRIS, GETTY IMAGES/STX

McDonald's is commemorating the 40th anniversary of its first kids' meal by bringing back some of its popular Happy Meal toys over the years, from Hamburger to the Tamagotchi.

McDonald's celebrates Happy Meal's 40th anniversary by bringing back retro toys

By KELLY TYKO
USA Today

Parents, kids and collectors, take note.

McDonald's is bringing back some of the most popular Happy Meal toys to celebrate the 40th anniversary of its kids' meals.

On Nov. 7-11, a special limited-edition Surprise Happy Meal will be available in more than 90 countries around the globe while supplies last.

"Since the Happy Meal was introduced on the menu, it quickly became synonymous with our brand," McDonald's CEO Steve Easterbrook said in a statement. "Today, this iconic red box creates lasting memories for billions of families annually across the world."

Fifteen toys will be available globally with two extra Disney exclusives for the U.S.

The first McDonald's kids'

meals were introduced in the U.S. in June 1979 as the Circus Wagon Happy Meal. Many of the early toys featured McDonald's McDonaldland characters.

"Parents tell us how fondly they recall their favorite toys," said Colin Mitchell, McDonald's

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- Hamburger (McDonald's): 1995
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Apple releases an important update for older gadgets

By KAYLA EPSTEIN
The Washington Post

If you've managed to hang on to your iPhone 4 or 5 for all these years, congratulations. You've successfully navigated a yearslong gauntlet of cracked screens, toilet drops, theft, peer pressure and seductive advertising to cling to the vintage device.

But owners had to clear another hurdle over the weekend to keep older Apple gadgets working properly. Fortunately, it was a pretty simple process.

Apple announced that owners of devices introduced in or before 2012 would have to install software updates by 8 p.m. Eastern time Saturday to accommodate a rollover in the Global Positioning System that took place in April.

iPhone 5 users should have installed update 10.3.4 via wireless or computer by Sunday to keep the GPS, cloud, email, web browsing, app store and other features functional. If users missed that deadline, they will need to take a slightly more arduous route of backing up and then restoring their phones via a computer.

Check that the software is up to date. Users can navigate to the "Settings" menu, choose "General" and select "About" from the list of options to verify the correct software has been downloaded.

Those in possession of an iPhone 4 or certain early versions

of the iPad will need to have installed software version 9.3.6 or their GPS and other services may not work properly.

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Dollar buys (Nov. 4)	€0.8738
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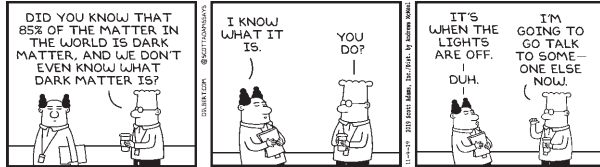


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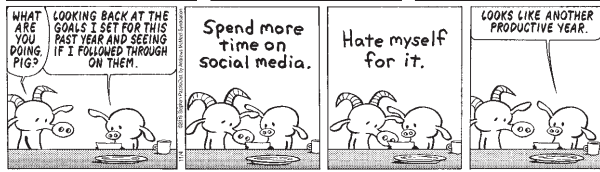
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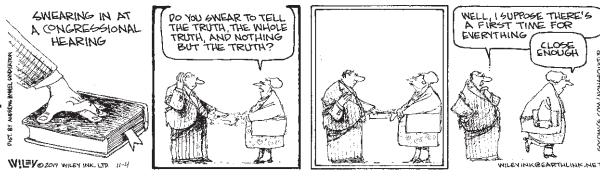
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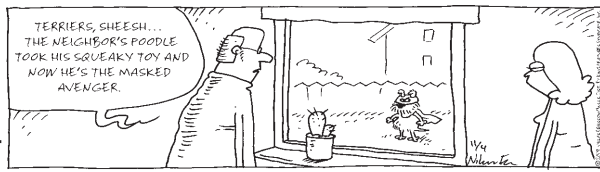
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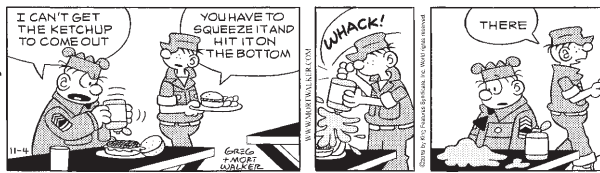
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- Boast
- "Be My Baby" group, with "the"
- Party snack
- Woos
- Metal boxes
- "No seats"
- Paint-mixing boards
- Stable diet
- Yale grad
- Slangy farewells
- "Chandelier" singer
- Oodles
- Outfits for babies
- Central point
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- Bistro, for one
- News sources
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- Curator's concern
- Portent
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- Galley supply

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- "Mad Money" network
- Circle dance
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- Galvanizing metal
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HIGH SCHOOL: DODEA EUROPE VOLLEYBALL



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Julia Lombardi hits the ball past the Naples defense of Lena Dieryckx, left, and Alexia Vancil in the Division II final at the DODEA Europe volleyball championships in Kaiserslautern, Germany, Saturday. Vicenza won 17-25, 25-17, 25-19, 25-17 to earn the title.

Division II championship

Seniors leaders rally Vicenza past Naples

By KENT HARRIS
Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — All the elements that decide the winner of a volleyball match were on display Saturday in the DODEA Europe Division II girls championship.

Skill was the most obvious aspect displayed repeatedly by both Vicenza and Naples. Discipline was sometimes there and sometimes not. And fortune played a role as well, with the net capriciously deciding which way the ball would drop several times.

But the deciding factor might have been experience. The Wildcats don't have a senior on the roster. The Cougars are led by four-year standouts Chenoa Gragg and Julia Lombardi. And they also benefited from playing a few more games this season than any other squad.

"We've worked so hard," said Gragg, a 5-foot-11 middle hitter/blocker who dominated stretches of Vicenza's 17-25, 25-17, 25-19, 25-17 victory. "We hustled, we played together and we communicated."

It didn't start out that way, though. Naples turned a 3-3 tie into an 8-5 advantage in the first set on an ace by Alexia Vancil. Gragg's kill brought Vicenza back to 11-10, but that's as close as the Cougars got.

"The first game, I think was just nerves," Vicenza coach John Kohut said.

After that, the Cougars slowly gained the momentum, though Naples, the only team to defeat the Cougars during the regular season, grabbed it back a few times.

Naples coach Kristi Hess said

her team just didn't seem to be as ready to play as it needed to be.

"We weren't reacting, we were weren't moving, we were just standing on our heels," Hess said. "And our blocking wasn't what it usually is."

Some of that could be attributed to ailing middle blocker Lena Dieryckx, who took the court but wasn't at her best. But much of that was due to Gragg and Lombardi.

Tied at 6-6 in the decisive fourth set, Lombardi went to work. Two kills and two aces helped the Cougars take a 14-9 advantage. Naples didn't get closer than five points the rest of the way.

Lombardi, who plays volleyball with an Italian club during the winter and spring, finished with 18 kills. She was especially dominant in the second set when Vicenza broke away from a 16-16 tie. But several other Cougars had key points during the run, including back-to-back aces from Londyn Wilson, a dink from Olivia Martel and another ace from Madeline Moller.

Lombardi said scrimmaging against Italian clubs "who have a different style of play," helped the team adjust against different teams' strategies.

"We know how to adjust," she said.

Gragg finished with 12 kills and seven blocks, while Naples' Audrey Villareal led her team with 11 kills and added a pair of aces.

The third-place contest was also an all-Italian affair, with Aviano downing American Overseas School of Rome 25-20, 25-11, 25-10.

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Division I championship

Ramstein outlasts Stuttgart

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KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — The Saturday showdown between Stuttgart and Ramstein for the DODEA Europe Division I girls volleyball title was a match for the ages.

The No. 1 seed Panthers and the No. 2 seed Royals battled through five sets — and a bit beyond.

The deciding set kept the anxious fans packed into the Kaiserslautern High School gym, as the lead flip-flopped back and forth. The Panthers and Royals tied nine times before the Royals eked out a 21-25, 25-21, 22-25, 25-23, 20-18 victory.

The hard-fought win released a torrent of emotions for the Royals, whom lost in the final to Stuttgart last year.

"I'm so excited, I can't believe it," said senior setter Joselyn Rosado, who was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. "I'm in shock right now."

Rosado said the Royals were confident this year, trusted each other and saved their best game for their finals.

"We never played like this," she said.

Key to Ramstein's victory was at least blunting hard-hitting Karen Kosinski, a senior outside hitter who likely will play college ball. The Royals couldn't stop her all the time: Kosinski had 12 kills. But Ramstein found a way to keep many of her line drives in play, either blocking her shots from the net or digging them out in the backcourt.

Kosinski recorded some of her kills in the crucial fifth set, including a ball that hit inside the backcourt line to tie the score at 17. The Panthers went up by one on the next play and it looked as if victory was imminent. But then Lauryn Szczygiel blocked a Kosinski spike and Rosado aced her serve to put the Royals up 19-18. Stuttgart then hit into the net, giving the Royals the win.

The Panthers, playing in their fifth-consecutive championship match and looking to defend their title after coasting undefeated through the season, started out shakily. Early on, Stuttgart let a few balls drop and hit a few serves into the net, but they eventually settled down and took the last five points of the first set.

Ramstein fought back in the second set with a balanced scoring attack from outside hitters Gigi Stake and Ahmarie Young and middle hitter Tamiya Bruce.

On the opposite side of the court, Kosinski and Skye DeSilva Mathis used a combination of hard and light strikes as they attacked the net, trying to keep Ramstein guessing where the ball was going.

Kosinski said she was disappointed to not win the title her senior year, "but, I put everything I had into it," she said, "and I know my teammates did, too. It just didn't come out the way we wanted it to."



MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

Stuttgart's Karen Kosinski hits past Ramstein's Lauren Szczygell, left, and Sequoia Juhaz in the Division I final on Saturday. Ramstein beat Stuttgart 21-25, 25-21, 22-25, 25-23, 20-18.

"At the end of the day, if was kind of just our errors that brought us down."

Junior setter Lindsey Sharp had three kills, seven digs and 15 assists for Stuttgart.

"I think Ramstein's a really good team, but we could have done better," a disappointed Sharp said after the game. "We missed a few of our serves and we weren't covering. They deserved to win."

Kandel Baxter, in her first year as varsity coach for Ramstein, said her team "has been working for this all year."

When the Royals ceded the first set, Baxter gave them a pep talk. "I told them it's now or never. They will always regret not leav-

ing anything on the floor," she told them.

Ramstein libero Lydia Coddington said she was worried when her team fell behind. "I was nervous, definitely the whole time, but our team, we work really well together and I'm really proud of us for coming together and beating them."

Stuttgart coach Michael Rubino was gracious in defeat.

"I'm happy for Ramstein for winning," he said. "You always have to lose ... but it's good to see new blood come up and win and get into the top."

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HIGH SCHOOL: DODEA EUROPE FOOTBALL

Division I championship

Panthers finish perfect season with title



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Stuttgart's Jordan McCullough breaks into the open field before scoring during his team's 30-0 win over Ramstein for the Division I Football Championship Saturday at Kaiserslautern High School.

BY GREGORY BROOME
Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Stuttgart shut out Ramstein 30-0 Saturday, completing an undefeated season with its third DODEA Europe Division I football title in the past five seasons.

The Panthers were led by a core of seniors, many of whom have been with the program for three or four years.

Both players and coaches said that produced a level of chemistry that, when combined with the team's impressive talent level, proved unstoppable.

"We have a bond that you normally don't get to experience in DODEA because kids come and go," Stuttgart coach Billy Ratcliff said. "They made it easy for me. It was just a good group of kids. We didn't have any egos or anything like that. I think that made a huge difference."

"You can tell they worked well as a team and you can tell that

they like each other. It's a dangerous thing," Ramstein coach Carter Hollenbeck said.

Jordan McCullough started the scoring in each half with matching first-quarter and third-quarter touchdowns.

The advantage McCullough's touchdown runs provided was more than enough for a Panthers defensive unit that snuffed out everything the Royals offense tried to accomplish. The group, which Ratcliff called "super cerebral," even made its share of contributions to the scoreboard; Garrett Sheffield returned an interception for a touchdown that put Stuttgart up 15-0 at halftime and the Panthers added a safety that stretched the lead to 23-0 midway through the fourth quarter.

The win continues Stuttgart's recent trend of winning championships every other year. The Panthers launched a successful underdog title run in 2015 led by a shocking semifinal upset of

the Royals, then crushed all comers in a 2017 coronation.

This year's championship saga shares more with the 2017 edition. The Panthers won all six of their regular-season games, including two wins over Ramstein, and smashed Lakenheath 59-6 in the semifinals.

Ramstein, last year's undefeated and generally unchallenged champion, enjoyed a largely successful season except for its inability to solve Stuttgart in three attempts.

Hollenbeck praised his own team's competitive spirit over the course of a season that brought considerable challenges.

"We talk about playing hard, having fun and respecting the game," Hollenbeck said. "I'm really proud of these guys because we had struggles throughout the whole year, but we never had a quit attitude."

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Division II championship

Saints march past Admirals to 2nd straight title

BY NORMAN LLAMAS
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AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy — Despite a slow start and bad weather, the Aviano Saints defended their DODEA Europe Division II football title Saturday by beating the Rota Admirals 16-7.

It was the third meeting between the two schools this season. Rota won the first and Aviano took the last two. That familiarity helped the Saints, who largely shut down Rota's ground game for most of the day.

"After the first game we played against Rota, we knew we had to make some adjustments," Coach Rick Dahlstrom said. "Those adjustments helped us play better."

Starting the second half tied, strong running from Raymond Harden and Josiah Cooper led the Saints down the field on a drive that began from their own 47.

On fourth down and inches, with the ball at the Admirals' 17-yard line, Harden broke through several would-be tacklers

and marched into the end zone. The extra point was blocked, giving Aviano a 13-7 advantage.

The next three Rota possessions ended with interceptions, though, and Harden tacked on a field goal for the final score. Chase Boren had two of them and Rene Macias the other.

Rota's final possession ended in a loss of downs and the Saints ran out the clock to end the game.

"We probably should have thrown the ball more, earlier in the game," Rota coach Luke Spencer said.

"The quarterback by committee approach hurt us, because neither of our quarterbacks were able to establish their game, and that's on me."

Due to moderate rain at the start of the game, both teams tried to establish their run game early on. It worked sometimes for Aviano, but not for Rota.

Donavin Robinson, Cooper, Harden and quarterback Michael Hauser connected on two

passes as the Saints drove down the field on their second possession. Robinson finished the drive off with a 2-yard score and Harden added the extra point.

The two teams exchanged possessions before Rota put together its lone-scoring drive of the day.

After converting a few first downs and getting to the Saints' 41-yard line, quarterback Campbell Lamb threw a long pass to a wide-open Wes Penta, who took it to the house for an Admirals touchdown.

That was largely the end of the offensive highlights for the first half, which ended in a 7-7 tie.

It didn't start out well for Aviano as Rota executed a successful outside kick. But the drive ended without any points and Aviano responded with the go-ahead score.

"Somebody has to lose the game and it's tough that today it was us," Spencer said. "The turnovers killed us. Aviano did a good job today, they played well."

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Aviano Saints defenders, Cayden Cottingham, left, and Daniel Merrill, tackle Rota Admirals quarterback Wes Penta during Saturday's DODEA Europe Division II football championship at Aviano. The Saints defeated the Admirals 16-7 to secure a second consecutive championship.

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The 76ers' Furkan Korkmaz, left, and Trail Blazers' CJ McCollum react to Korkmaz's game winning basket in Portland, Ore., on Saturday. The 76ers won their fifth straight, 129-128.

Roundup

76ers edge Blazers on Korkmaz's three

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Furkan Korkmaz made a three-pointer with 0.4 seconds left and the Philadelphia 76ers rallied for their fifth straight victory to start the season, 129-128 over the Portland Trail Blazers on Saturday night.

Anfernee Simons made a corner three-pointer with 2.2 seconds left to put Portland in front, but the Sixers got the ball back after a timeout to set up Korkmaz's falling-down, 24-footer for the win — without suspended center Joel Embiid. Philadelphia is the last undefeated team in the NBA with its first 5-0 start since 2000-01.

Embiid served the first of a two-game suspension for an altercation with Minnesota's Karl-Anthony Towns during the 76ers' 117-95 home victory Wednesday.

Bucks 115, Raptors 105: Giannis Antetokounmpo made 36 points, 15 rebounds and eight assists to lead host Milwaukee past Toronto in the first meeting between the teams since the Eastern Conference finals.

The Bucks had the best record in the East last season and took a 2-0 lead over the Raptors in the conference finals, but Toronto took the next four on route to its first NBA championship.

Pistons 113, Nets 109: Andre Drummond had 25 points and 20 rebounds, Bruce Brown added career highs of 22 points and seven assists and Detroit beat visiting Brooklyn.

Suns 114, Grizzlies 105: Devin Booker scored 21 points and Aaron Baynes hit a career-high four three-pointers and had 20 points in Phoenix's victory over host Memphis.

Hornets 93, Warriors 87: Terry Rozier made a short go-ahead jumper and added two free throws with 4.9 seconds left after missing three straight, and visiting Charlotte held off injury-depleted Golden State.

Nuggets 91, Magic 87: Jamal Murray scored 22 points, Nikola Jokic had 20 points and seven rebounds and both made big late plays to help Denver beat host Orlando.

Timberwolves 131, Wizards 109: Andrewiggins scored 21 points, Robert Covington and Jarrett Culver each added 20 and visiting Minnesota cruised past Washington.

Thunder 115, Pelicans 104: Shai Gilgeous-Alexander had 23 points and eight rebounds in host Oklahoma City's victory over New Orleans.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	5	0	1.000	—
Boston	4	1	.800	1
Brooklyn	3	2	.600	2
New York	2	3	.333	3

Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	4	1	.800	—
Charlotte	3	2	.600	1½
Atlanta	2	3	.400	2
Orlando	2	3	.400	2
Washington	1	4	.200	3

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	4	1	.667	—
Detroit	3	2	.600	1½
Cleveland	3	2	.600	1½
Indiana	2	3	.400	2
Chicago	2	4	.333	2½

Western Conference

Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	4	1	.800	—
Houston	2	2	.500	1½
Dallas	2	3	.400	1½
Memphis	1	4	.200	3
New Orleans	1	5	.167	3½

Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	4	1	.800	—
Utah	4	2	.667	1½
Denver	3	2	.600	1½
Portland	3	3	.500	1½
Oklahoma City	3	3	.500	1½

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	4	1	.800	—
Phoenix	3	2	.600	1½
L.A. Clippers	2	3	.400	2
Sacramento	2	3	.400	2
Golden State	1	5	.167	3½

Friday's games
 Brooklyn 123, Houston 116
 Indiana 102, Cleveland 95
 Milwaukee 123, Orlando 91
 Boston 104, New York 102
 Chicago 112, Detroit 126
 San Antonio 127, Golden State 107

Saturday's games
 Oklahoma City 115, New Orleans 104
 Denver 91, Orlando 87
 Detroit—None, Rebounds—109
 Milwaukee 115, Toronto 105
 Philadelphia 129, Portland 128
 Phoenix 114, Memphis 105
 Chicago 93, Golden State 87
 Philadelphia 129, Portland 128

Sunday's games
 Charlotte at Indiana
 Houston at Miami
 Sacramento at New York
 L.A. Lakers at San Antonio
 Dallas at Cleveland
 Utah at L.A. Clippers

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 Miami at Denver

Saturday

76ers 129, Trail Blazers 128

PHILADELPHIA — Thybulla 15 0-0 3, Harris 10-15 2-2 23, Horford 12-24 0-0 25, O'Quinn 10-10 1-0 22, Brown 12-24 19-24 (Jill) 1-2 11, Tolliver 2-6 2-4 8, McCollum 11-16 3-3 22, Trent 9-0 0-0 22, Bazemore 2-5-4 4, Totus 45-79 25 125.

PORTLAND — Hood 3-0 0-0 23, Hezonia 10-12 11, Tolliver 2-6 2-4 8, McCollum 11-16 3-3 22, Trent 9-0 0-0 22, Bazemore 2-5-4 4, Totus 45-79 25 125.

Three-point Goals — Philadelphia 11-33 (Korkmaz 3-6, O'Quinn 2-6, Harris 1-1, Harris 1-2, Horford 1-4, Scott 1-4, Thybulla 1-4, Richardson 1-9), Portland 19-34 (Jill 4-4, Hood 4-4, Simons 3-5, Hezonia 4-4, Bazemore 1-1, Tolliver 1-4, McCollum 0-4), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 46 (Harris 12), Assists—Philadelphia 36 (Simmons 8), Portland 21 (Lillard 9). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 23, Portland 21.

Pistons 113, Nets 109

BROOKLYN — Harris 10-10 1-0 18, Prince 7-12 1-2 20, Jordan 5-8 0-0 10, Irving 8-12 4-0 20, LeVert 6-17 2-13 34, Kurucs 13-0 0-0 24, Allen 3-7 2-7, Dinwiddie 5-10 5-16 16, Thomas 1-2 0-0 2, Totals 43-93 13-17 109.

DETROIT — Smith 4-9 0-0 10, Morris 5-12 3-13 20, Drummond 10-16 5-25 28, Brown 8-20 2-12, Kenneth 5-14 2-14 16, Galloway 0-0 3-0 0-0 2, Maker 1-3-4 2-4, Galloway 4-8 2-12 22, Totals 41-93 25-29 113.

Pistons 113, Nets 109

Three-point Goals—Brooklyn 12-33 (Harris 3-8, Prince 2-4, Jordan 1-2, LeVert 0-3, Temple 0-4, Irving 0-6), Detroit 2-27 (Kennard 2-7, Galloway 2-4, Snel 5-5, Mykhailuk 1-4, Drummond 0-1, Morris 2-2, Brown 0-0), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Brooklyn 48 (Irving 11), Detroit 41 (Drummond 20), Assists—Brooklyn 24 (Irving 10), Detroit 27 (Totus 9), Total Fouls—Brooklyn 24, Detroit 18. Technical Fouls—None (Defensive three second). 2D, Dinwiddie. A—17-22 (20,491).

Thunder 115, Pelicans 104

NEW ORLEANS — Ingram 3-5 1-4 7, Meili 1-2 2-2 4, Okafor 7-14 1-3 15, Ball 4-11 0-2 10, Hollins 1-2 0-2 15, Williams 1-3 0-3, Hayes 2-5 0-4, Jackson 4-11 4-5 12, 4-11 2-4, Alexander 1-2 0-0 2, Okafor 1-2 2-4, Redick 6-12 1-2 17, Totals 40-94 13-23 104.

OKLAHOMA CITY — Ferguson 0-0 0-0 0, Gallinari 5-9 2-2 16, Noel 4-8 0-0 8, Paul 5-9 2-5, Gilgeous-Alexander 1-4 4-5 23, Bayley 5-10 4-4 17, Nader 1-2 1-2 4, Muscala 0-4 0-0 0, Schroder 7-17 3-5 17, Dillio 5-14 2-3 12, Burton 1-3 0-0 3, Totals 41-94 13-23 104.

Thunder 115, Pelicans 104

Three-point Goals — New Orleans 15-32 (Redick 4-9, Hart 2-5, Ball 2-5, Holiday 2-5, Williams 1-1, Meili 0-1, Alexander-Walker 0-1, Jackson 0-3), Oklahoma City 15-37 (Gallinari 4-6, Paul 3-5, Gilgeous-Alexander 3-5, Bayley 3-6, Burton 1-2, Nader 1-2, Muscala 0-3, Diallo 0-4, Schroder 0-4), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans 56 (Hart 15), Oklahoma City 44 (Schroder 9), Assists—New Orleans 25 (Ball 7), Oklahoma City 20 (Paul 9), Total Fouls—New Orleans 25, Oklahoma City 20. 18,203 (18,203).

Hornets 93, Warriors 87

CHARLOTTE — Bridges 1-0 0-0 2, Washington 5-8 0-0 12, Zeller 7-2 2-4 10, Rozier 8-17 4-8 20, Bacon 10-15 2-5 25, Williams 2-5 2-7 11, Sibyomko 0-0 0-0 0, Williams 1-2 2-4, Co.Martin 0-0 1-2 1, Monk 4-7 2-9 16, Totals 48-93 16-32 93.

SAN FRANCISCO — Robinson III 6-12 0-0 16, Paschal 10-15 8-25, Cauley-Stein 0-0 0-0 0, Bowman 6-11 2-6, Poole 2-9 1-5, Chris 0-2 0-0 0, Spellman 1-4 2-2 3, Burks 0-0 0-0 0, Lee 5-11 0-0 13, Totals 34-77 10-18 87.

Hornets 93, Warriors 87

Three-point Goals — Charlotte 5-29 (Williams 3-7, Washington 1-3, Monk 1-3, Bacon 0-2, Zeller 0-2, Graham 0-3, Bridges 0-3, Rozier 0-4), Golden State 9-28 0-0 0, inson III 4-7, Lee 3-6, Bowman 2-6, Poole 0-2, Spellman 0-2, Paschal 0-5), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 48 (Graham, Zeller, Bridges 8), Golden State 40 (Robinson III 9), Assists—Charlotte 18 (Rozier 7), Golden State 23 (Bowman 4), Total Fouls—Charlotte 18, Golden State 22. Technicals—Charlotte coach Horne (Defensive three second). A—18,064 (18,064).

T-wolves 131, Wizards 109

MINNESOTA — Graham 2-6 0-0 14, Covington 7-10 10-18 22, Murray 7-15 6-22, Teague 6-12 1-1 15, Wiggins 7-16 3-4 21, Layman 4-7 2-9 16, Totals 54-107 22-30 131.

WASHINGTON — Bonga 0-5 3-4 3, Hachimura 2-11 0-0 4, Bryant 1-6 1-2 3, Smith 3-8 0-0 7, Ball 8-19 11-33 30, Brown Jr. 2-4 0-4, Schofield 5-5 2-15, Bertans 2-10 2-2 5, Wagner 6-9 2-14, Thomas 5-14 2-16, Robinson 2-4 0-5, Totals 37-95 22-30 109.

T-wolves 131, Wizards 109

Three-point Goals — Minnesota 17-33 (Culver 4-9, Wiggins 4-9, Covington 3-5, Dieng 2-4, Layman 2-4, Bonga 0-5, Mayo 0-2, Graham 0-2, Okafor 0-2), Washington 12-35 (Schofield 3-3, Ball 3-8, Thomas 3-8, Bertans 2-7, Bryant 0-2, Ball 1-1, Smith 2-2, Brown Jr. 1-1, Bonga 0-1, Wagner 0-2, Hachimura 0-2, Okafor 0-2, Assists—Minnesota 33 (Teague 13), Washington 21 (Thomas 7), Total Fouls—Minnesota 23, Washington 18. Technicals—Washington coach Wizards (Defensive three second). A—15,150 (20,356).

Bucks 115, Raptors 105

TORONTO — Anunoby 3-5 1-2 9, Siakam 7-19 0-16 50, Gasol 4-12 0-10 20, Lowry 11-18 9-29 22, Iyavosa 2-3 4-5, R.Jones 2-6 2-6 0, Ibaka 3-10 5-11 25, Thomas 2-3 0-0 8, S.B. 1-2 0-0 2, A.O. 1-2 0-0 2, Totals 34-82 22 105.

MILWAUKEE — Middleton 4-12 3-4 11, C. 7-10 36, B.Lopez 4-11 0-11, Bledsoe 5-12 3-14, Matthews 1-2 0-0 2, Iyavosa 2-3 4-5, R.Jones 2-6 2-6 0, H. 2-11 2-2 7, Korver 2-6 0-6, Brown 4-4 0-0 0, Cencenzo 3-6 0-8 10, Totals 41-89 20 115.

Three-point Goals — Toronto 15-36 (Lowry 5-9, Anunoby 3-5, Siakam 2-6, Gasol 2-6, Thomas 1-2, Powell 1-3, Ibaka 0-1), Milwaukee 13-38 (Brown 3-5, B.Lopez 3-7, Korver 2-4, D.O. 2-4, H. 2-11 2-2 7, Korver 2-6 0-6, Brown 4-4 0-0 0, Cencenzo 3-6 0-8 10, Totals 41-89 20 115.

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Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	Diff	Streak	Record
Boston	13	10	2	2	46	27	19	W-2	10-2-1
Buffalo	15	9	4	2	20	40	-20	W-1	9-4-2
Tampa Bay	13	8	4	2	22	46	-24	W-1	8-4-1
Toronto	15	7	5	3	17	53	-36	L-1	7-5-3
Montreal	14	6	7	3	16	51	-35	L-1	6-7-1
Ottawa	13	6	5	3	15	41	-26	L-1	6-5-2
Detroit	15	4	10	1	11	57	-46	L-1	4-10-1

Metropolitan Division									
Washington	15	10	4	2	39	37	2	W-1	10-4-1
N.Y. Islanders	13	9	4	2	40	29	11	W-1	9-4-1
Carolina	14	9	4	1	19	38	-19	W-1	9-4-1
Pittsburgh	13	8	5	1	17	43	-26	W-1	8-5-1
Philadelphia	13	6	5	2	14	43	-29	L-1	6-5-2
Columbus	14	5	7	1	13	50	-37	L-1	5-7-1
N.Y. Rangers	11	5	5	1	11	35	-24	L-1	5-5-1
New Jersey	12	3	5	4	10	36	-26	L-1	3-5-4

Western Conference

Central Division									
St. Louis	15	9	3	3	21	47	46	W-1	9-3-3
Colorado	14	8	4	2	18	48	-30	W-1	8-4-2
Minnesota	14	8	4	2	18	54	-36	W-1	8-4-2
Winnipeg	15	8	7	0	16	43	-27	W-1	8-7-0
Dallas	13	6	5	2	15	37	-22	L-1	6-5-2
Chicago	12	3	6	3	9	28	-19	L-1	3-6-3
Edmonton	14	4	8	2	9	33	-24	L-1	4-8-2

Pacific Division									
Edmonton	15	10	4	1	21	34	7	W-1	10-4-1
Vancouver	14	9	3	2	20	53	-33	W-1	9-3-2
Anaheim	15	9	6	0	18	41	-23	W-1	9-6-0
Vegas	15	9	5	1	2	49	-45	W-1	9-5-1
Calgary	16	8	6	2	18	46	-28	W-1	8-6-2
San Jose	14	8	5	1	19	43	-24	W-1	8-5-1
Los Angeles	14	8	5	1	10	38	-28	W-1	8-5-1
San Jose	15	9	5	1	9	36	-27	W-1	9-5-1

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division qualify for the wild card playoffs.

Friday's games

N.Y. Islanders 5, Tampa Bay 2
Philadelphia 4, New Jersey 3, SO
Los Angeles 6, Buffalo 1
Carolina 7, Detroit 3
Dallas 3, Columbus 3, OT
Dallas 2, Colorado 1
Anaheim 2, Vancouver 1, OT
Winnipeg at San Jose

Saturday's games

Edmonton 2, Pittsburgh 1, OT
N.Y. Rangers 2, Nashville 1
Dallas 3, Buffalo 1
Boston 5, Ottawa 2
Florida 4, Detroit 0
Nashville 6, Columbus 0
Dallas 4, Montreal 1
New York at Winnipeg

Sunday's games

Toronto 4, Philadelphia 3, SO
Dallas 3, Philadelphia 1
Arizona 3, Colorado 0
Vancouver 5, San Jose 2
N.Y. Rangers 3, Vegas 1
Los Angeles 4, Chicago 3, OT
Anaheim 3, Washington 1

Monday's games

Pittsburgh at Boston
Dallas 3, N.Y. Rangers
Nashville at Detroit
Chicago at Edmonton

Tuesday's games

Ottawa 4, N.Y. Islanders
Carolina at Philadelphia
Vegas at Columbus
Los Angeles at Toronto
Dallas 3, Winnipeg
Colorado at Dallas
Arizona at Calgary
St. Louis at Vancouver

Wednesday's games

Minnesota at Anaheim
Chicago at San Jose

Thursday's games

Jets 4, Knights 3 (OT)
Winnipeg 1, 0 2 4-3
Toronto 2, 1 1 0 2 0-1
First Period—1, Winnipeg, Perreault 3 (Carson, 2:13, 5:02, 12:46)
Second Period—3, Toronto, Karlsson 2 (Karlsson, Theodore), 4:51 (pp), 3, Vegas, Schmidt 1 (Karlsson), 8:30.

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Coyotes 3, Avalanche 0

Colorado 0 0 0-0
First Period—1, Arizona, Dvorak 5 (Keller, Kessel), 6:40 (pp), 2, Arizona, Kessel 3 (Hayton, 12:52, 15:52)
Second Period—1, Arizona, Garland 7 (Schmidt, Goligoski), 15:52
Shots on Goal—Colorado 7-17-9-33, Arizona 16-9-28
Power-play opportunities—Colorado 0 of 4; Arizona 1 of 2
Goals—Kessel, 6:40, 15:52, 17:21 (28 shots-25 saves), Arizona, Kuemper 6-30 (33-33)
A—17,125 (17,125), T—2:22.

Friday's games

First Period—1, Boston, Pastrnak 13 (Krug, 1:17 (pp), 2, Ottawa, Dupleix 5 (Borwick, L.Brown), 12:04
Second Period—1, Boston, Bergeron 6 (Marchand, Pasternak), 1:51, 4, Ottawa, C.Brown 2 (Borwick, DeMeo), 3:04
Third Period—5, Boston, Heinen 3, 5:43, 6, Boston, Marchand 8 (Bergeron, Pastrnak), 6:50 (pp), 7, Boston, DeBruick 2 (Heinen), 16:16
Shots on Goal—Ottawa 6-15-11-32, Boston 11-10-11-32
Power-play opportunities—Ottawa 0 of 5; Boston 2 of 2
Goals—Ottawa, Anderson 2-5-0 (32 shots-27 saves), Boston, Rask 7-4-1 (32-30)
A—17,191 (17,565), T—3:48.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Air Force's defense stands up to Army

Associated Press

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — The goal-line stand by Air Force at the start set the tone. The one at the end clinched it.

Defense ruled the day. Air Force turned in a goal-line stand in the final minute as the Falcons beat service academy rival Army 17-13 on Saturday.

"It definitely means the world to me," Falcons senior cornerback Zane Lewis said.

The Black Knights were well-positioned with a first-and-goal at the 7 after a long pass by starting quarterback Jabari Laws.

One wrinkle: Laws got hurt on the 31-yard play. He had to be helped off the field after taking a wallop from Air Force defensive lineman Jordan Jackson, who was called for targeting and ejected from the game.

Kelvin Hopkins Jr. was summoned from the sideline. Usually the starter, he's been banged up and didn't practice. Laws started in his place because coach Jeff Monken wasn't sure if he was healthy enough to make it the en-

tire way.

Hopkins threw an incompleion on first down, ran for 2 yards on second, nearly completed a third-down attempt in the end zone — it was broken up by Lewis — and overthrew his intended target on fourth down with 33 seconds remaining. With that, the Falcons (7-2) snapped a two-game skid against Army (3-6).

"I thought the guys made it a heck of an effort to get it down there," Monken said. "Ultimately we didn't make the plays that they did."

Still, the Falcons weren't out of the woods. They fumbled the snap trying to run out the clock. It was recovered by tailback Kadin Rensberg. Asked what was going through his mind as the ball squirted free, Air Force quarterback Donald Hammond III cracked: "Some bad words."

On the opening drive of the game, the Black Knights chewed up 8 minutes, 34 seconds in making their way to the 1-yard line. Laws' fourth-down sneak was stuffed by Jackson and Parker



CHANCEY BUSH, THE COLORADO SPRINGS GAZETTE/AP

Air Force's Timothy Jackson, left, stiff-arms Army freshman Jemel Jones in Air Force's 17-13 win.

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"We got killed the opening drive by not scoring from the 4-inch line," Monken said.

This was a solid performance for Laws, who rushed for a score and threw for 214 yards, including an 87-yard TD strike. It was the fifth-straight loss for an Army team that entered the game as a two-touchdown underdog.

Timothy Jackson finished with

a career-best 155 yards in becoming the first fullback in Air Force history to turn in four straight 100-yard performances. He also had a 3-yard score.

"Trying to make a statement," Jackson said.

Joshua Stoner added a go-ahead score for the Falcons early in the fourth quarter.

The Black Knights were trying to capture a third straight Com-

mander-in-Chief's Trophy, which goes annually to the service academy with the best record in the round-robin competition. Although they can't win it outright, they can still retain the prize if they beat Navy on Dec. 14 since all three service academies would split the competition.

Air Force can't capture the trophy after losing at Navy 34-25 on Oct. 5.

Roundup

Fromm, No. 8 Georgia dominate No. 6 Florida

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Jake Fromm was a little late to the after-party.

He was in the third and final wave of Georgia players leaping into the stands at the "World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party."

It was a fitting stop for Fromm considering how effective he's been on third down against Florida.

Fromm threw for 279 yards and two touchdowns, including a 52-yarder on an uncovered Lawrence Cager in the fourth quarter, and the No. 8 Bulldogs beat the sixth-ranked Gators 24-17 on Saturday.

It was Georgia's third consecutive victory in the Southeastern Conference rivalry and sixth in the last nine years.

Fromm was the main reason for the last two. He has five touchdown passes in two years against Florida, with four of them coming on third down.

"When Jake has time, he's really efficient," Georgia coach Kirby Smart said. "I was so proud of him this game."

No. 24 Memphis 54, No. 15 SMU 48: Brady White threw for 350 yards and three touchdowns, Antonio Gibson had a school-record 386 all-purpose yards with three scores and the host Tigers held off the previously unbeaten Memphis 8-1, 4-1) moved atop

the American Athletic Conference's Western Division to improve its case to represent the Group of Five in the New Year's Six.

SMU (8-1, 4-1) came in with its best start to a season since 1982, when the Mustangs won their first 10 games. They left having lost their sixth straight in Memphis.

No. 11 Auburn 20, Mississippi 14: The Tigers piled up yards, if not points, and the defense didn't permit many of either in a win at home.

Bo Nix passed for a career-high 340 yards and had a 1-yard touchdown run and 11th-ranked Auburn withstood the Rebels' final drive.

The Tigers (7-2, 4-2 Southeastern Conference) mostly dominated on the stat sheet but struggled to put the 19-point underdogs away after repeated stalled drives and three missed field goals. Anders Carlson's third miss, a 49-yarder with 1:14 to play, gave Ole Miss (3-6, 2-4) a late chance.

No. 16 Notre Dame 21, Virginia Tech 20: Fighting Irish quarterback Ian Book ran for 17 yards to touchdown with 29 seconds left to cap an 18-play, 87-yard drive to pull out at home over the Hokies. Jonathan Doerer kicked the go-ahead PAT after holder Jay Bramblett fumbled a low snap and freshman Kyle Hamilton then picked by a long pass by Quincy Patterson to seal the victory.

AP Top 25 Fare

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No. 3 Ohio State (8-0) did not play. Next: No. 11 Michigan, Saturday.
No. 4 Clemson (9-0) beat Wyoming 59-14. Next: at N.C. State, Saturday.
No. 5 Penn State (7-0) did not play. Next: at N.C. State, Saturday.
No. 6 Florida (7-2) lost to No. 8 Georgia at Jacksonville, Fla. 24-17. Next: vs. Missouri, Saturday.
No. 9 Utah (8-1) beat Washington 33-28. Next: vs. UCLA, Saturday, Nov. 16.
No. 10 Oklahoma (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa State, Saturday.
No. 11 Auburn (7-2) beat Mississippi 20-14. Next: vs. No. 8 Georgia, Sat., Nov. 16.
No. 12 Baylor (8-0) beat West Virginia 17-14, Thursday. Next: at TCU, Saturday.
No. 13 Minnesota (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. 5 Penn State, Saturday.
No. 14 Michigan (7-2) beat Maryland 38-7. Next: vs. Michigan St., Saturday, Nov. 16.
No. 15 SMU (8-1) lost to No. 24 Memphis 54-48. Next: vs. East Carolina, Saturday.
No. 16 Notre Dame (6-2) beat Virginia Tech 20-14. Next: at Duke, Saturday.
No. 17 Cincinnati (7-1) beat East Carolina 46-43. Next: vs. UConn, Saturday.
No. 18 Wisconsin (6-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 19 Iowa, Saturday.
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No. 20 Appalachian State (7-1) lost to Coastal Carolina, Saturday.
No. 21 Boise State (7-1) beat San Jose State 52-42. Next: vs. Wyoming, Saturday.
No. 22 Kansas State (6-2) beat Kansas 38-10. Next: at Texas, Saturday.
No. 23 Wake Forest (7-1) beat N.C. State 44-10. Next: at Virginia Tech, Saturday.
No. 24 Memphis (8-1) beat N.C. SMU 54-48. Next: at Houston, Saturday, Nov. 16.
No. 25 San Diego State (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Nevada, Saturday.

Saturday's scores

EAST
Allegany 45, Wirt 22
Bentley 41, St. Anselm 35
Bloomsburg 26, Millersville 21
Colgate 38, Cortland 38
Bowling 65, Lincoln (Pa.) 20
Clarkson 27, Wagner 12
Charleston (WV) 49, W. Virginia 24
Clemson 27, Furman 14
Curry 14, Becker 6
Dartmouth 59, Harvard 6
Dean 20, Alfred St. 46
Delaware Valley 44, Alleghenia 0
Dickinson 27, Juniata 21
Duquesne 30, St. Francis (Pa.) 21
Edinboro 27, Clarion 20

Framingham St. 16, Mass. Maritime 6
Glenville St. 24, Wheeling Jesuit 14
Grove City St. 31, Vincent 20
Hobart 35, St. Lawrence 3
Holy Cross 24, Lehigh 17
Husson 31, Nichols 7
Indiana 63, IU 20
Seton Hall 23
Kutztown 30, West Chester 17
Lafayette 38, Fordham 34
Liberty 63, UMass 21
MIT 28, WPI 22, NY 31
Maine 47, Albany (N.Y.) 20
Marist 37, Butler 27
Mercyhurst 28, Gannon 7
Michigan 38, Maryland 7
Middlebury 14, Hamilton 7
Morrisville St. 56, Hartwick 28
NC Central 28, Howard 6
New Hampshire 28, Villanova 20
New Haven 63, Franklin Pierce 0
Notre Dame 26, St. Francis 13
Pace 35, American International 25
Penn St. 36, Brown 36
RPI 29, Buffalo 34
Rhode Island 42, Merrimack 32
Slippery Rock 31, California (Pa.) 28
Stonewall 41, Connecticut 20
Susquehanna 65, Gettysburg 13
Towson 31, Delaware 24
Trinity (Conn.) 21, Amherst 7
Tufts 35, Colby 10
Union (N.Y.) 31, Ithaca 21
Ursinus 27, McDaniel 16
Utica 19, Alfred 10
W. New England 42, Endicott 31
Wesley 31, College of NJ 13
Western Conn. 27, Williams 21, OT
Wilkes 45, FDU-Florum 20
Yale 45, Columbia 10

SOUTH
Alabama 37, MVSU 0
Arkansas 48, Louisiana-Monroe 41
Auburn 20, Mississippi 14
Furman 38, Chattanooga 20
Georgia 27, Texas Southern 20
Hampton 24, Florida 17
Marshall 27, SIUE 10
Ark-La-Tex 31, Hampton 10
Louisiana-Lafayette 31, Texas St. 3
McNeese St. 30, Northwestern St. 20
Mississippi 27, Southern 10
Mercer 36, Samford 33, 3OT
Missouri 27, Florida St. 10
Montmouth (N.J.) 45, Kennesaw St. 21
NC A&T 22, SC State 20

Norfolk 48, Morgan St. 0
North Alabama 25, Campbell 24
North Dakota 20, Georgia Tech 10
Richmond 30, Stony Brook 10
Southern 47, Stephen F. Austin 30
Se Missour 32, Tennessee 32
South Carolina 24, Vanderbilt 17
Southern 47, Alabama A&M 31
Stetson 27, Jacksonville 24
Tennessee 20, UAB 7
Tennessee Tech 17, Murray St. 7
The Citadel 31, ETSU 27
Tulane 28, Tulsa 26
UCF 44, Houston 29
UT Martin 22, Jacksonville St. 17
Virginia 38, North Carolina 31
N. Dakota St. 56, Youngstown St. 10
Wake Forest 44, NC State 10
William & Mary 31, Elon 29, 5OT

SOUTHWEST
Bowling Green 35, Akron 6
Buffalo 43, E. Michigan 14
Cent. Michigan 48, N. Illinois 10
Illinois 23, Indiana St. 14
Indiana 34, Northwestern 3
Kansas St. 38, Kansas 10
N. Dakota St. 56, Youngstown St. 17
N. Iowa 17, Illinois St. 10
Notre Dame 21, Virginia Tech 20
Purdue 31, Nebraska 27
S. Dakota St. 35, Missouri St. 14
S. Illinois 23, Indiana St. 14
W. Illinois 38, South Dakota 34

SOUTHWEST
Cent. Arkansas 45, Lamar 17
Texas 20, Rice 20
Mississippi St. 54, Arkansas 24
Nicholls 27, Incarnate Word 23
North Texas 52, UTSP 26
Oklahoma St. 34, TCU 27
Texas Tech 45, UT 27

FAR WEST
Air Force 17, Army 13
Angelo St. 41, Adams St. 21
BYU 42, Utah St. 14
Baldwin Wallace 17, Marietta 3
Boise St. 52, San Jose St. 42
CSU-Pueblo 21, Saint Lewis 13
Cent. Washington 27, Azusa Pacific 24
Chadron St. 41, NK Highlands 7
Claremont-Mudd St. 38, Whittier 16
Colorado St. 37, UNLV 17
Dixie St. 42, Colorado Mesa 32
E. Washington 66, N. Arizona 38
Fresno St. 41, Mississippi 20
George Fox 61, Willamette 13
Idaho 21, Cal Poly 9
La Verne 27, Occidental 20
Montana 38, Portland St. 23
Northern 42, S. Dakota St. 10
N. Colorado 26, Idaho St. 20
Nebraska 22, New Mexico 10
Oregon 56, Arizona 38
Oregon St. 56, Arizona 38
PacIFIC 21, Oregon 10
San Diego 49, Drake 7
Seattle 44, M&M Comm 20
UCLA 31, Colorado 14
Utah 33, Washington 28
Utah State 27, Simon Fraser 14
Weber St. 35, Sacramento St. 17
Whitworth 31, Pacific Lutheran 6

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Class: Young stars not sure thing in March

FROM BACK PAGE

exodus of transfers, the best recruiting classes rarely stay together for very long. Incoming freshmen, no matter how talented, still need time to adjust to college life and the college game.

Older teams don't wilt under the pressure because they've been there before. Young teams often take longer to jell.

"Creating habits is what we have to do," Kentucky coach John Calipari said. "Create professional habits that will carry you."

The Wildcats have been the standard bearer in the correlation between top recruiting classes and success on the court. Kentucky landed the nation's No. 1 recruiting class six times and was in the top four the other times under Calipari.

The Wildcats won their 2012 title with a group led by freshman Anthony Davis, and the program has reached the Sweet 16 eight times, including four trips to the Final Four. But Kentucky and Coach Cal are anomalies.

Virginia won last season's national title with an incoming recruiting class ranked 65th. Villanova's two national titles were with classes ranked 28th and 29th. Connecticut was 37th before winning its 2014 national title and Louisville checked in at No. 79 nationally before its 2013 title.

Kansas and coach Bill Self consistently have top-level recruiting classes and make deep NCAA Tournament runs, but the Jayhawks' 2008 national title came from an incoming class ranked No. 49.

Arizona has racked up consistent top-10 recruiting classes but has yet to reach the Final Four in 11 seasons under Sean Miller. Programs like UCLA, Ohio State, Syracuse and Texas are typically among the top recruiting classes, but the last NCAA title from that group was the Orange in 2003.

Highly rated recruiting classes certainly make teams better. Having consistency within the program and cohesion, more often than not, is what leads to national championships.

"We really try and find guys that are going to fit this culture," Villanova coach Jay Wright said. "We really try to explain to them what it is and then let them make the decision. Our recruiting is different. It's not the bells and whistles. It's really getting to know the people."

Wright brought in a stellar recruiting class for this season, topped by five-star players Jeremiah Robinson-Earl and Bryan Antoine. The Wildcats' 2019 class was fifth in the 247Sports composite, behind Memphis, Kentucky, Duke and Oregon.

Hardaway's 2019 class is arguably the most talked about in college basketball. The 7-foot-1 Wiseman has been projected as the No. 1 overall pick in next year's NBA draft. Forward Precious Achiuwa also could be a lottery pick and five other freshmen come highly rated.

"I think these kids understand what they're reading and they see it and it drives them," Hardaway said. "We'll see how they handle that going out on the court."

Duke had a similar recruiting class last season led by Zion Williamson, RJ Barrett and Cam Reddish.

The Blue Devils lost in the Elite Eight to Michigan State while Virginia, led by a group of primarily veteran players, won the national title.

Highly touted recruiting classes generate buzz and add high-level talent to a program.

It's not always enough to win a title.



SERENA MORONES/AP

North Carolina freshman point guard Cole Anthony (5), seen here during a Team USA game in April, is expected to play a major role for the Tar Heels this season as he takes over for departed point guard Coby White, who was drafted in June by the Chicago Bulls.

Wiseman isn't only freshman to watch

Memphis center one of many highly-ranked recruits who could lead their teams to tournament

By DAVE SKRETTA

Associated Press

It's hard to blame James Wiseman for signing with Memphis.

The nation's No. 1 recruit had his pick of scholarship offers, but the star for East High School had the opportunity to stay home and he played both prep basketball and summer league games for Penny Hardaway, who is entering his second year in charge of the Tigers.

"When I first met him, I was in awe," said Wiseman, who began his career at Ensworth School in Nashville before transferring to Memphis East so he could play for Hardaway on a regular basis. He averaged 25.6 points and 14.8 boards as a senior.

His decision to play for the Tigers began a recruiting run for Hardaway that drew comparisons to the best classes landed by John Calipari at Kentucky and Mike Krzyzewski at Duke.

Four more top-100 prospects signed — swingman Precious Achiuwa from Montverde Academy in Florida, guard Boogie Ellis from San Diego, Mississippi forward D.J. Jeffries and guard Lester Quinones from IMG Academy — along with fringe top-100 prospects Malcom Dandridge and Damian Baumgardner.

"We are going to have to get talent," said Hardaway, who led the Tigers to the NIT last season, "and with talent comes expectations, and that's what we want. We want to be part of the conversation."

Wiseman isn't the only freshman that figures to be part of the conversation this season.

Cole Anthony, North Carolina: If anyone else was going to make a run for the No. 1 spot in the recruiting rankings, the 6-foot-3 son of longtime NBA player Greg Anthony from powerhouse Oak Hill Academy would be it. Anthony nearly averaged a triple-double last season with 18 points,

9.8 rebounds and 9.5 assists, then was the MVP of the McDonald's All-American game. Now he's taking that talent to Chapel Hill, and he should help to fill the shoes of departed point guard Coby White.

Vernon Carey Jr., Duke: What list of impact freshmen would be complete without someone headed to the Blue Devils?



Carey Jr.

The son of former NFL offensive lineman Vernon Carey Sr. has molded himself into a bruising, 275-pound power forward who averaged 21.7 points and 9.0 rebounds as a senior at University High School in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He also drops into an ideal situation at Duke, where he can lean on seniors Javin DeLaunier and Marques Bolden until he adjusts to the college game.

Nico Mannion, Arizona: The red-headed point guard with the slick dribble and time-hops was already going to be a crucial piece for the Wildcats,



Mannion

but he could be coach Sean Miller's floor leader from the jump after he lost Brandon Williams to season-ending knee surgery a couple months ago. Mannion, who averaged more than 30 points for Pinnacle High School in Scottsdale, should team with Australian shooting guard Josh Green in giving the Wildcats an exciting backcourt.

"The first thing you want from the most highly regarded freshmen," Miller said, "is

that they're coachable, that they don't think they have all the answers, and they're not just at Arizona to reach their own individual goals. They came here to be a part of a team and to compete for championships. They're very coachable, and I think they're very good teammates in their own right."

Isaiah Stewart, Washington: The 6-9 power forward formed a relationship with Washington coach Mike Hopkins several years ago, back when he was an assistant at Syracuse and Stewart a high school star in Rochester, N.Y. Both went their own ways, and Stewart eventually starred at La Lumiere High School in Indiana. Now they have reunited in the Pacific Northwest, where Stewart already showed what he could do by averaging 19.5 points and 11 rebounds during an exhibition tour of Italy.



Stewart

Anthony Edwards, Georgia: Tom Cream wasted little time in landing arguably the highest-rated recruit in school history, and all he had to do was head to Atlanta to see Edwards play for Holy Spirit Prep. Edwards also considered Kansas, Kentucky and North Carolina before picking the Bulldogs.



Edwards

He's joined in a seven-man recruiting class by four-star forwards Christian Brown, Jaykwan Walton and Toumani Camara, elite point guard Sahvir Wheeler and grad transfer Donnell Gresham Jr.

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GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Memphis' top-rated recruiting class is no guarantee of championship success

By JOHN MARSHALL
Associated Press

Memphis' Penny Hardaway has become one of the nation's top recruiters in two seasons as a college coach.

The former NBA star signed a solid recruiting class in his first year, and his second, headed by projected lottery pick James Wiseman, was No. 1 in the country, according to a composite of ranking sites compiled by 247Sports.

The top-rated class has ratcheted up expectations in Memphis. The Tigers were ranked in The Associated Press preseason poll for the first time since 2013 at No. 14 and picked as co-favorites with Houston to win the American Athletic Conference.

Did you know

Duke, led by Jahliil Okafor in 2015, and Kentucky in 2012 are the only two teams in the past 15 years to win a national championship with the country's top-rated incoming recruiting class.

SOURCE: Associated Press

"They all have this swag about them that they feel like, 'Hey, we want to go out there and prove, whether you like it or not, we want to play the best and we want to go out and prove we can be No. 1 in the country,'" Hardaway said.

The Tigers face a historical hurdle to get there.

Landing the top-rated class doesn't always lead to a national championship. Duke, led by Jahliil Okafor, in 2015 and Kentucky in 2012 are the only two teams in the past 15 years to win a national championship with the top-rated incoming recruiting class.

In the one-and-done era, not to mention the yearly

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Memphis is ranked 14th to start the season after coach Penny Hardaway, left, assembled the top recruiting class, led by No. 1 prospect James Wiseman, above.

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